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1.0 SUMMARY

The purpose of this study is to determine the accuracy in the onboard state at separation as a function of the number of ground updates to the onboard state under conditions of IMU only navigation. Six cases are considered (1) no updates made during the flight, (2) one ground update in the vertical components only at the first practice separation minus 15 minutes, (3) one ground update in all components at the first practice separation minus 5 minutes, (4) updates 2 and 3 applied successively, (5) Case 4 plus an update in all components at the second separation attempt minus 3 minutes, and (6) one ground update at first separation attempt minus 5 minutes and a second update at second separation minus two minutes. The mission control simulation program, GROPER, was run using as radar input a tape containing radar derived state vectors for the trajectory described as Captive Active 1, except for case 6 which was run using the Captive Active 2 trajectory. Each of six separate tapes containing simulated downlisted SS0 telemetry was used to simulate the six cases enumerated above. Results show that two ground updates to the onboard state prior to the first separation (case 4) will insure that the accuracy in the onboard state at first separation is within the limits imposed in Reference 1. An additional update 3 minutes prior to the second separation will not insure that the accuracy in the onboard state is within these limits at the second separation attempt, however, the error limits are exceeded by only 300 feet in the Z component and 4.6 feet/second in Z dot for the case investigated in this study. A single update prior to each separation attempt will not insure acceptable accuracy in the onboard state vector.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this study is to determine the accuracy of the onboard state vector under conditions of IMU only navigation with six different histories of ground update: (1) no updates to the onboard state, (2) a single ground update in the vertical components at first practice separation minus 15 minutes; (3) a single ground update in all components at first practice separation minus five minutes, (4) a ground update in the vertical components at the first practice separation minus 15 minutes and a ground update in all components at the first practice separation minus 5 minutes, (5) a ground update in the vertical components at the first practice separation minus 15 minutes, a ground update in all components at the first practice separation minus 5 minutes, and a ground update in all components at the second practice separation minus 3 minutes; (6) a ground update at the first practice separation minus 5 minutes and at the second practice separation minus two minutes in all components. The trajectory data used for this study is described as Captive Active 1 and is contained on tape number X11404. The Captive Active 2 trajectory was used for case (6), however, the two trajectories are nearly identical. This analysis was performed using the Mission Control simulation program GROPER (Ground Operations Evaluations Routine)

3.0 DISCUSSION

GROPER requires as input two tapes, one containing simulated radar data and the other containing simulated downlisted telemetry as well as error free state vectors derived from the trajectory tape. The simulated radar data input to GROPER for the Captive Active 1 trajectory is contained on tape number X00263, produced by MPAD from the trajectory tape, number X11404. It contains simulated radar derived state vectors with refraction induced errors. The radar data input to GROPER for the Captive Active 2 trajectory is contained on tape number X01896 and contains refraction induced errors. The tapes containing simulated onboard state vectors were produced by MPAD using the Navigation Analysis Program (NAP). They are the following:

Tape #	Description
X00477	CA1 updated at sep 1 - 15 min in Z, \dot{Z}
X12175	CA1 updated at sep 1 - 5 min, all components
X10248	CA1 updated at sep 1 - 15 min in Z, \dot{Z} , and sep 1 - 5 min in all components
X09254	CA1 updated at sep 1 - 15 min. in Z, \dot{Z} , sep 1 - 5 min in all components; sep 2 - 3 min in all components
X17777	CA1 IMU only, benchmark initialized after sep 1
X14386	CA2 updated at 1st separation minus 5 minutes and 2nd separation minus 2 minutes

Five GROPER runs were made, using the tape, X00263, to simulate radar derived data and using each of five Captive Active 1 shuttle tapes in turn to simulate downlisted SSO state vectors. An additional run was made using the tape, X01896, to simulate radar

derived data, and using the Captive Active 2 shuttle tape, X14386, to simulate downlisted SSO state vectors. These two trajectories are very similar. Using the data supplied on the tapes, GROPER computes the error in the onboard state vector, the error in the radar derived state vector, the update to be applied to the onboard state based on differences between the radar derived state and the onboard state, and errors in the update based on the truth model which is available on the shuttle tape.

A value of 120 was used for the parameter DTVEL, the minimum time difference between position differences, DRINT, used to compute the velocity updates, DVP. This is the currently baselined value, but the author has recently shown that the optimum value of DTVEL is 60 (Reference 2).

Errors in the onboard state at first separation are given in Table 1 for each of the four cases: no updates applied, update in Z and Z dot only at separation 1 minus 15 minutes, update in all components at separation 1 minus 5 minutes; and update at separation 1 minus 15 minutes in the vertical components and at separation 1 minus 5 minutes in all components. The difference in the errors in the X and Y components of the onboard state between the IMU only case and the case with an update in Z and Z dot only is due to the reinitialization of the covariance matrix at the time of the update. The errors in the onboard state at the time of second separation are given in Table 2 for the above four cases as well as the 2 cases having an additional update prior to the second separation attempt.

Maximum allowable errors in the updated state vector are 1100 feet in position and 4 feet/sec in velocity (in each component) (Reference 1, JSC Memo FM82 (75-67)). The accuracy of the onboard state vector is within these limits at first separation attempt only for the case in which the onboard state was updated twice prior to separation. At the second practice separation, the accuracy of the onboard state was not within the prescribed limits for any case. For case 5, 2 updates prior to first separation attempt and an additional update 3 minutes prior to second separation attempt, the additional error is 300 feet in Z and 4.6 feet per second in \dot{Z} .

A time history of errors in the radar state is provided in the Appendix. Plots of onboard errors versus time are provided for each of the six test cases. Time is given in seconds of day and errors in the state vectors are in feet and feet per second.

TABLE 1
CAPTIVE ACTIVE 1

Error in Onboard State at 55941 sec. 1st Sep

	IMU ONLY	UPDATE SEP1-15 Z, \dot{Z}	UPDATE SEP1-5 ALL COMP	UPDATE SEP1-15, SEP-5
X	-18438	-18419	-87.1	652.
Y	33866	34088	881.	851.
Z	13078	4120	3541.	1018
\dot{X}	-9.8	-9.8	-3.4	-2.1
\dot{Y}	15.9	16.6	6.4	7.9
\dot{Z}	24.5	9.0	9.3	3.1

NOTE: The run with a single update at "SEP-5" was updated 30 seconds later than the run with a double update.

TABLE 2
CAPTIVE ACTIVE 1, 2

Error in Onboard State at 57020.5 2nd Sep

	IMU ONLY	UPDATE AT SEP1-15 Z, \dot{Z}	UPDATE AT SEP1-5 Z, \dot{Z}	UPDATE AT SEP1-15 ALL COMP	UPDATE AT SEP1-15, SEP 1-5 SEP 2-3	UPDATE AT SEP 1-5, SEP 2-2
X	-413706.	-20369	-11506.	-10305.	-655.6	-289.8
Y	39100.	36810.	20943.	22783.	943.7	648.3
Z	-81634.	33116.	32412.	12426.	1404.0	5211.4
\dot{X}	-344.	7.2	-14.8	-15.5	-4.2	-2.1
\dot{Y}	14.2	-13.2	23.7	25.8	4.4	0.2
\dot{Z}	-173.	58.6	58.8	23.6	8.6	30.0

4.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

It has been shown that the accuracy of the onboard state vectors is within the allowable range at separation only for the case in which the onboard state is updated twice prior to separation, once in the vertical component only at separation minus 15 minutes and once in all components at separation minus 5 minutes. The accuracy of the onboard state at second separation is within the acceptable limits in X , \dot{X} , Y , and \dot{Y} for the case in which the onboard state was updated three times prior to second separation attempt; however, the errors in Z and \dot{Z} are 1404 feet and 8.6 fps, respectively. It is recommended that an update be applied in the vertical component at separation minus fifteen minutes and in all components at separation minus five minutes for the first practice separation. This scenario should be repeated prior to the second separation attempt if possible; however, one additional update prior to the second separation attempt might be adequate if slightly reduced accuracy can be tolerated.

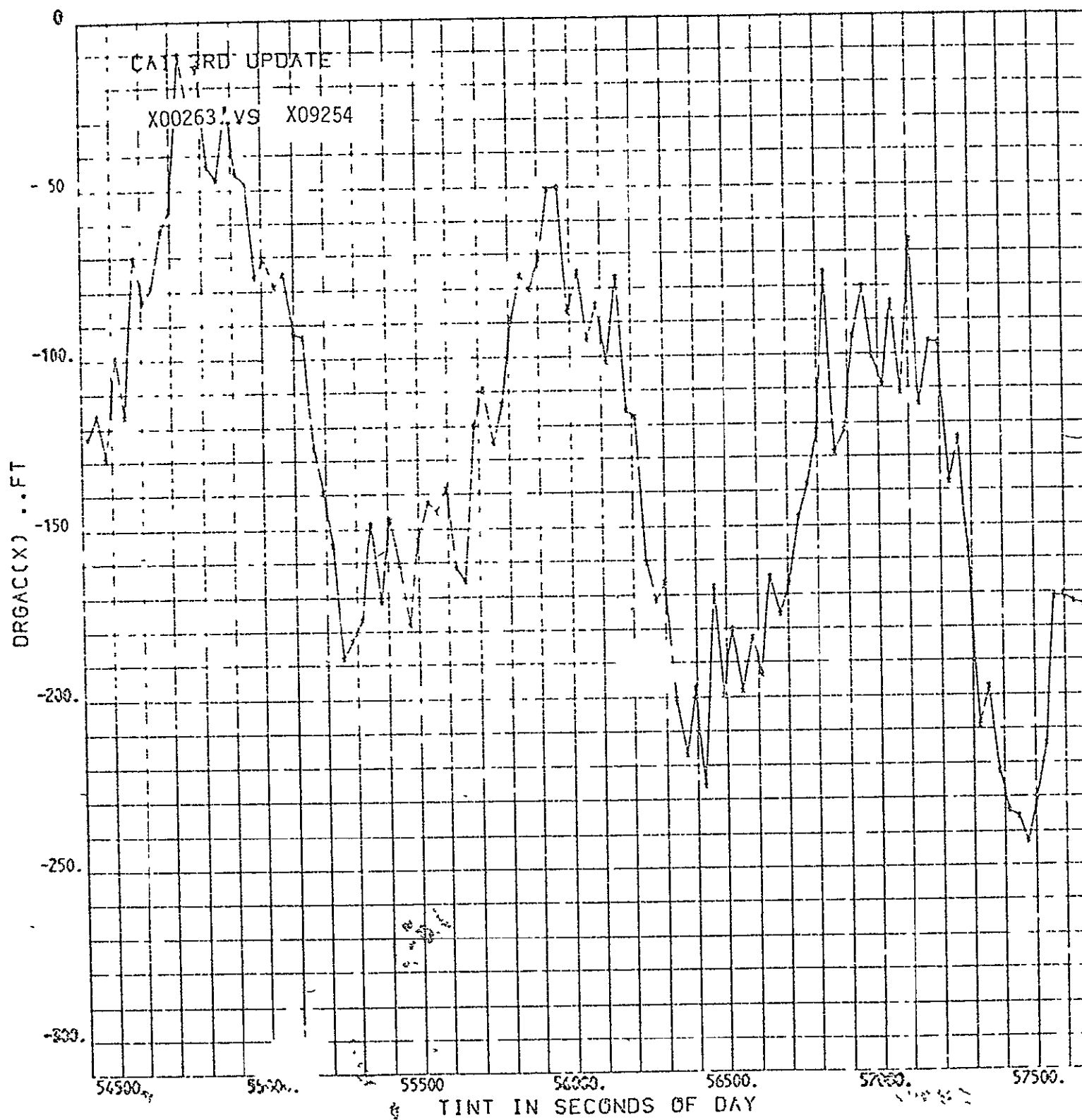
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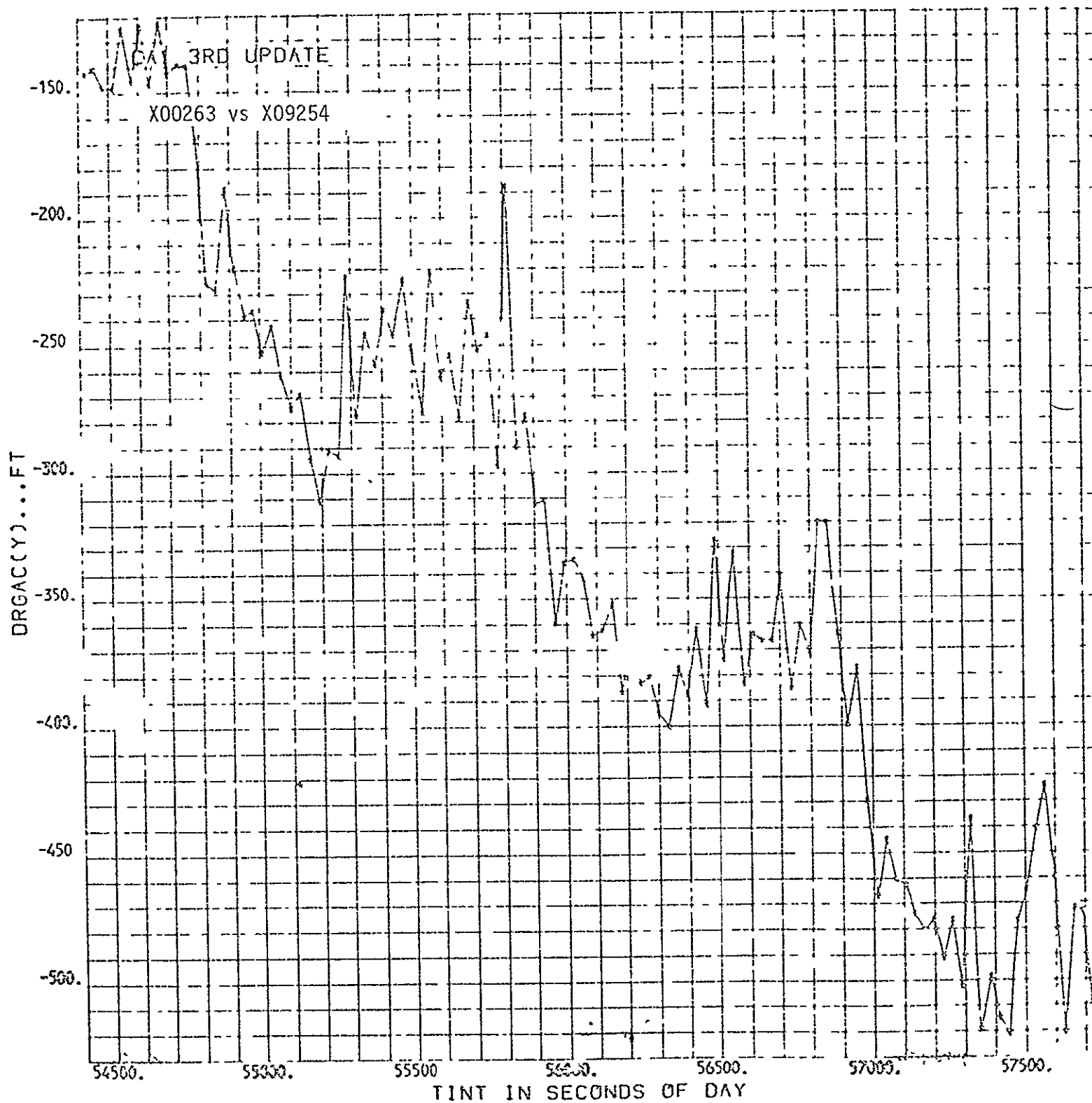
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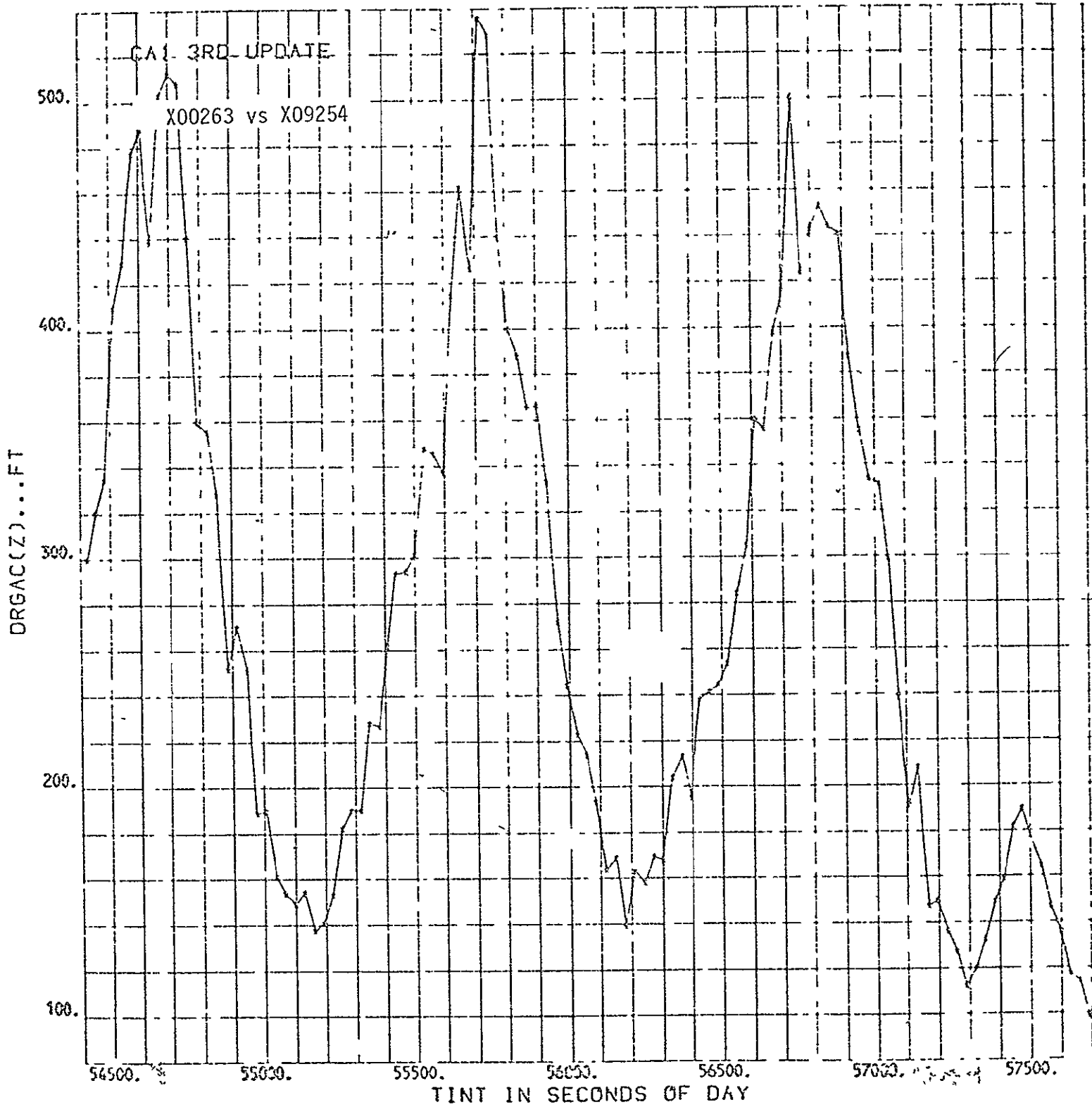
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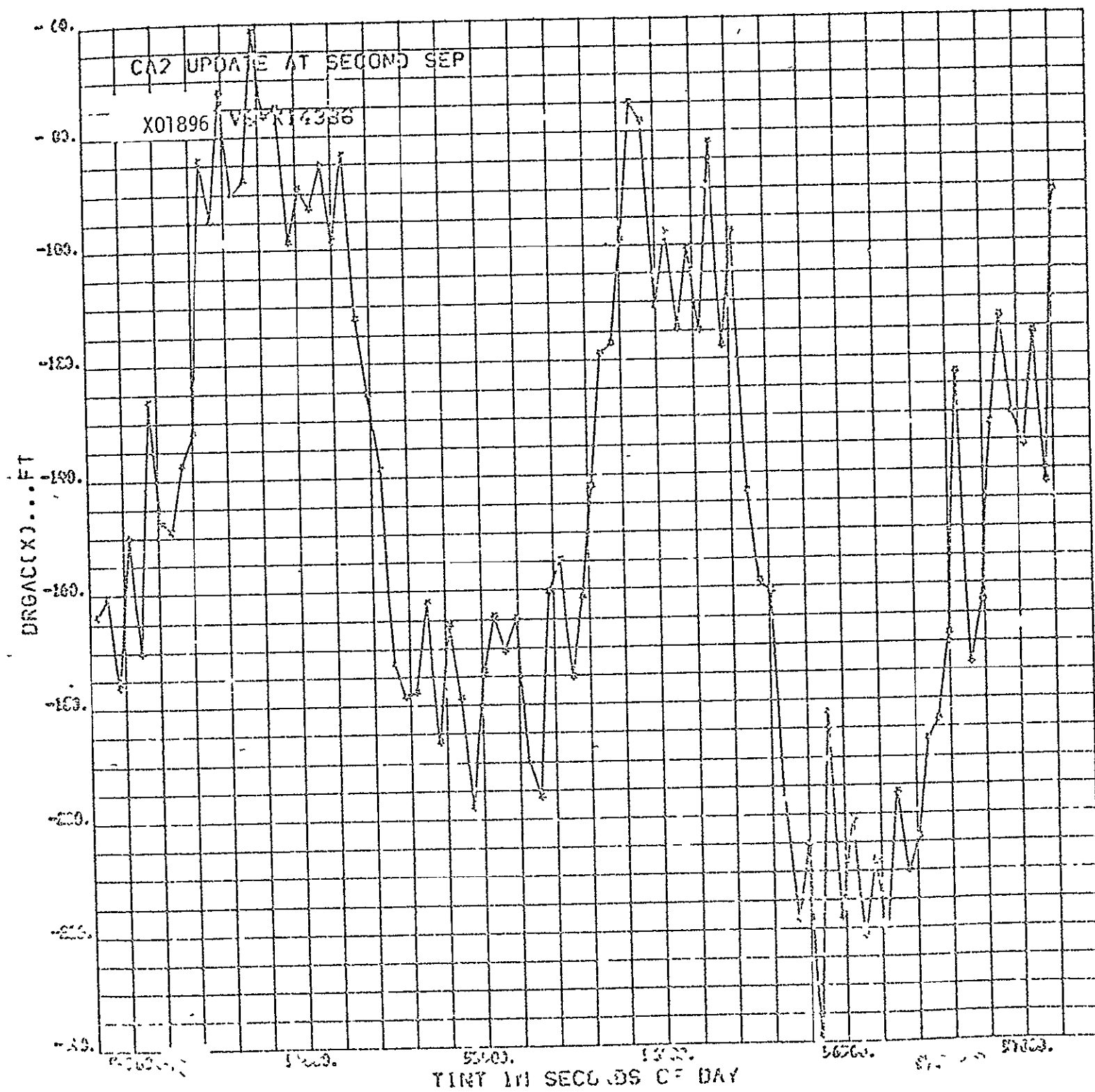
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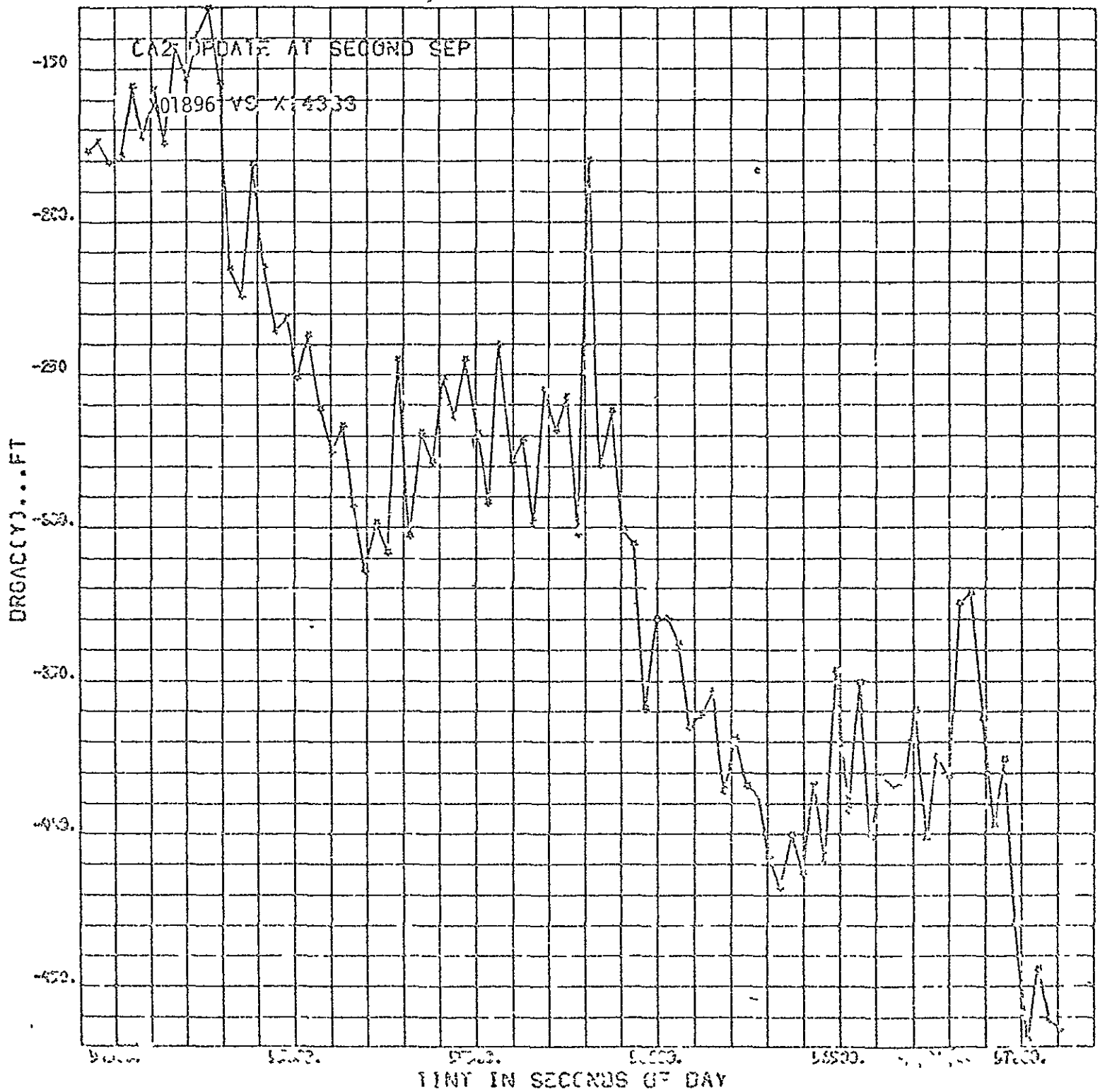


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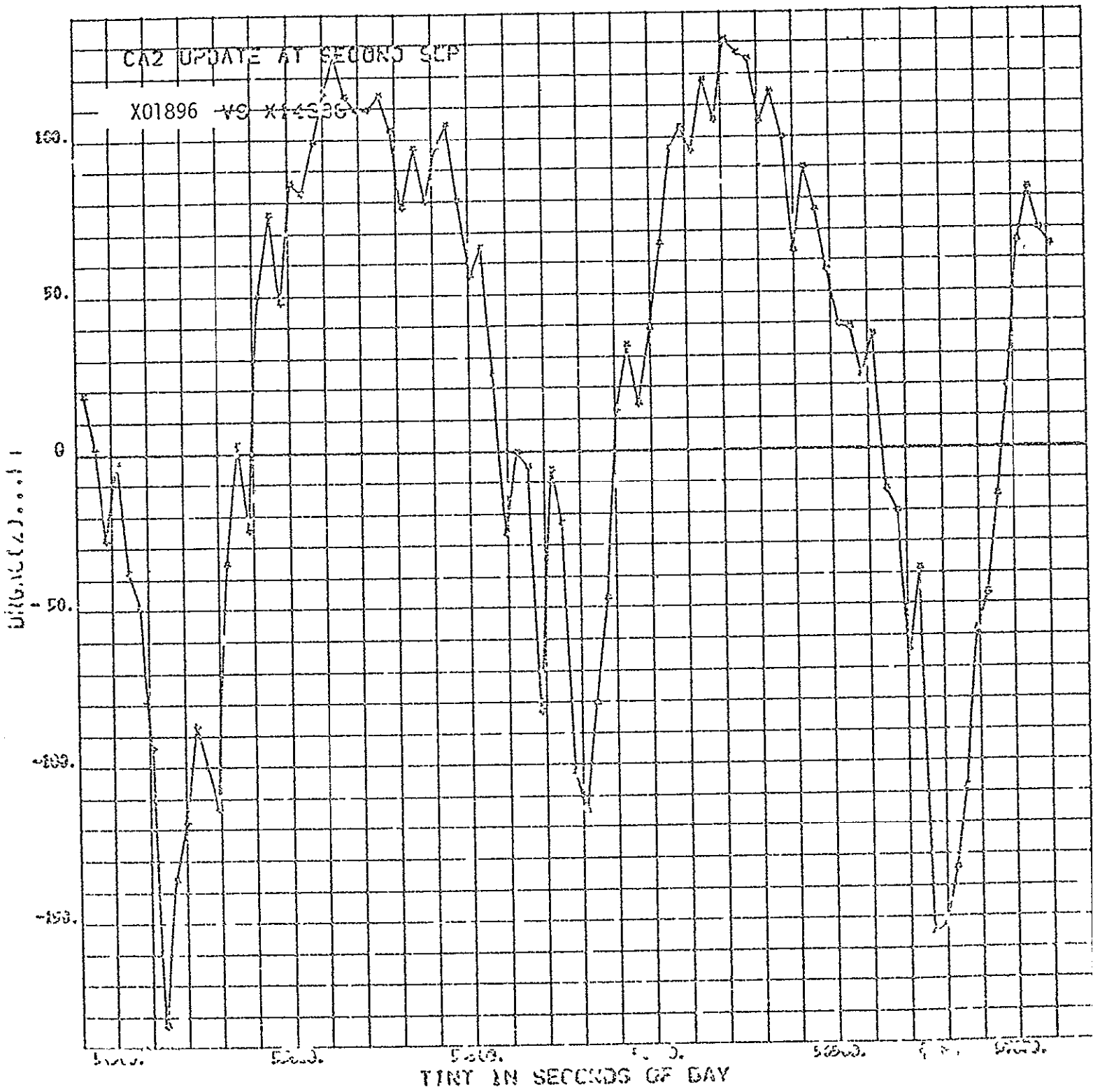
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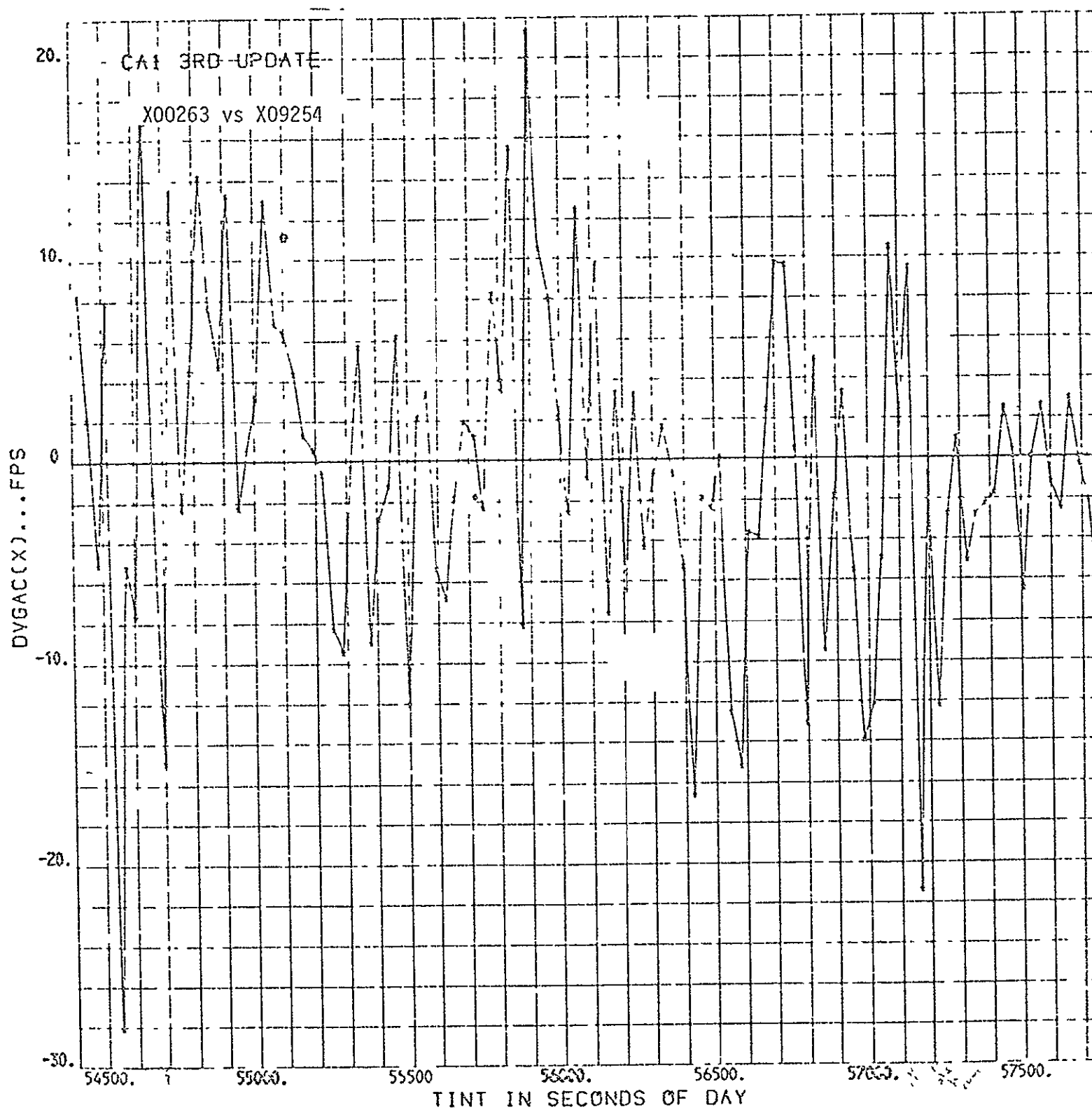
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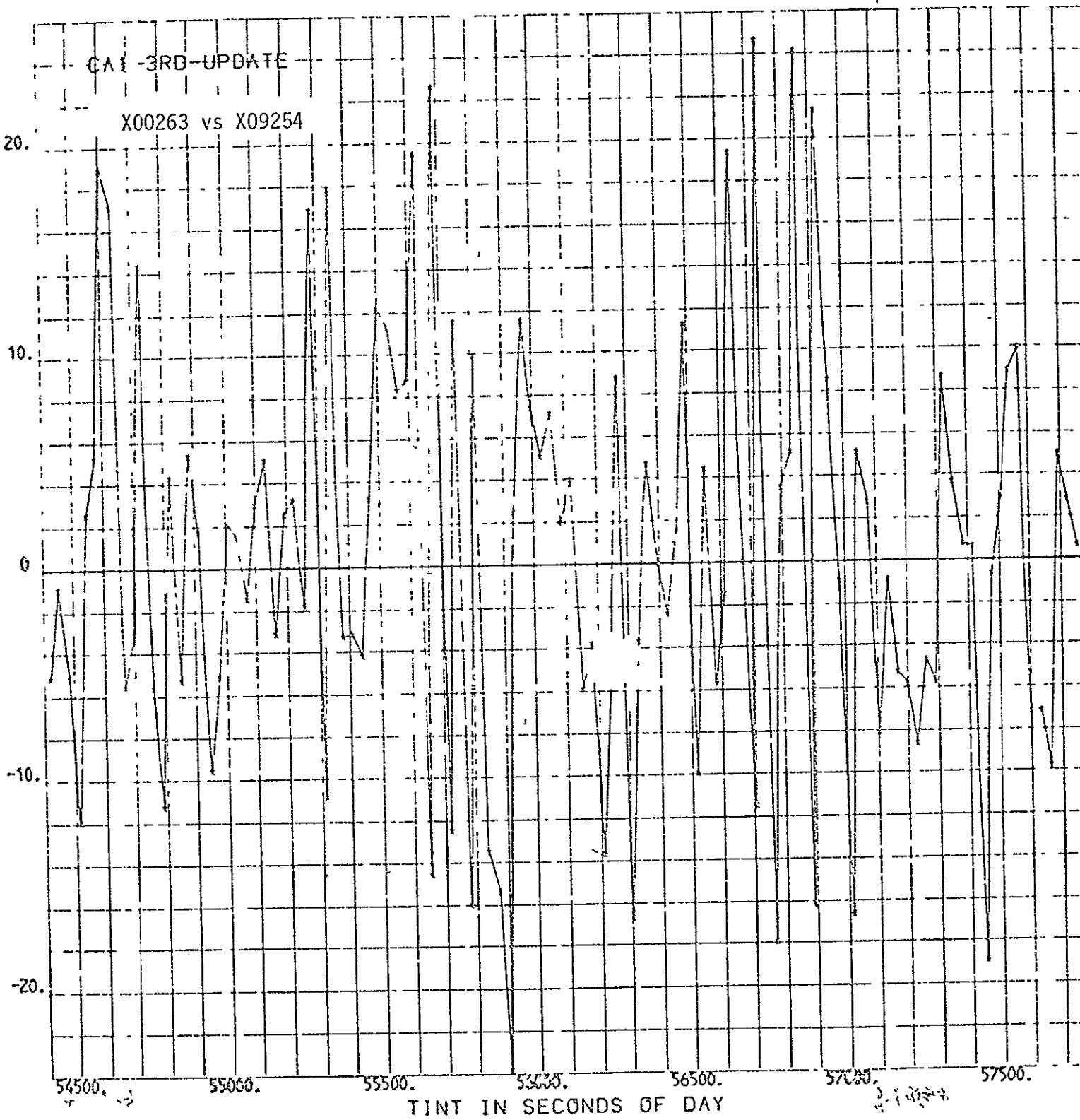
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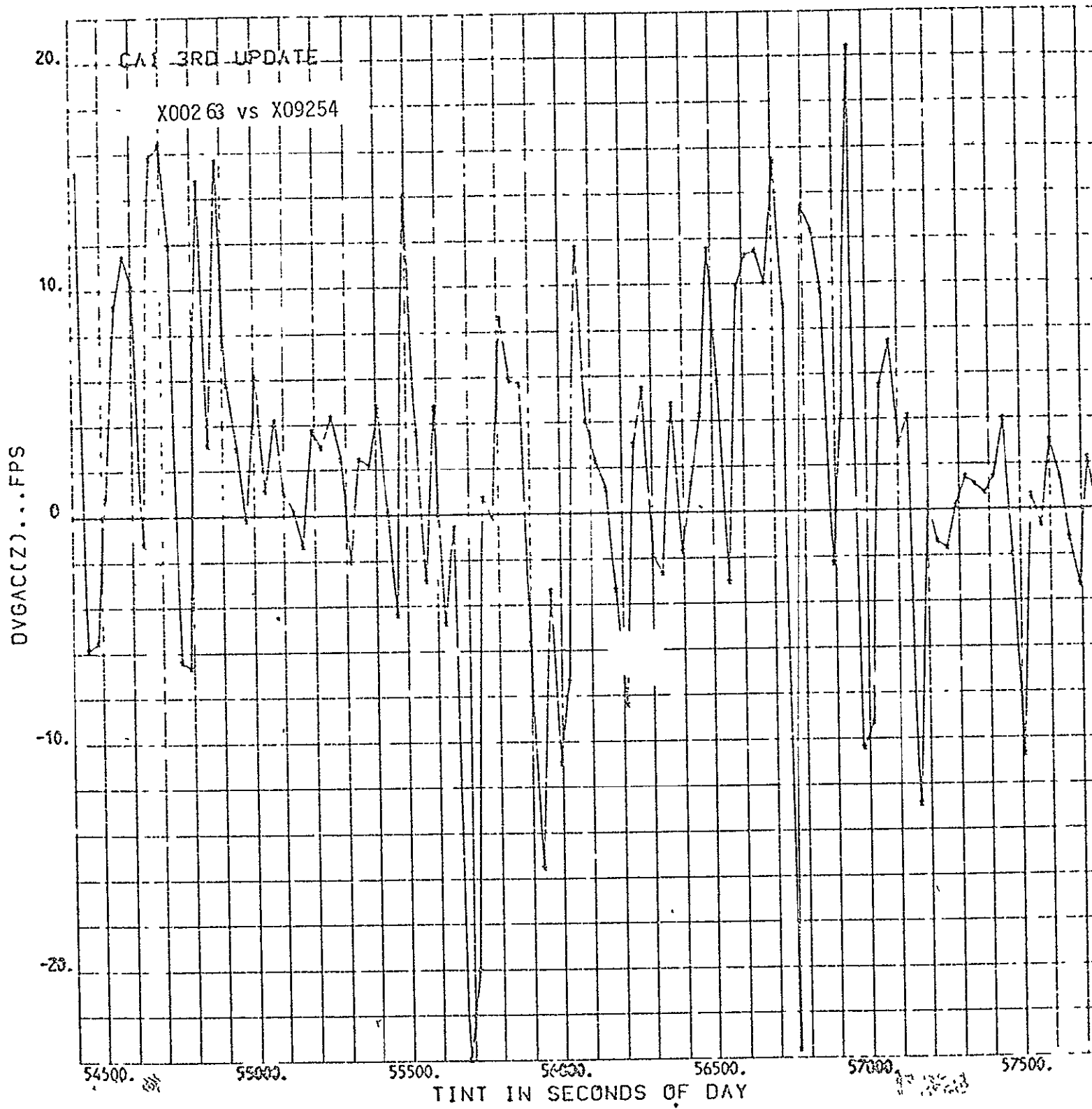
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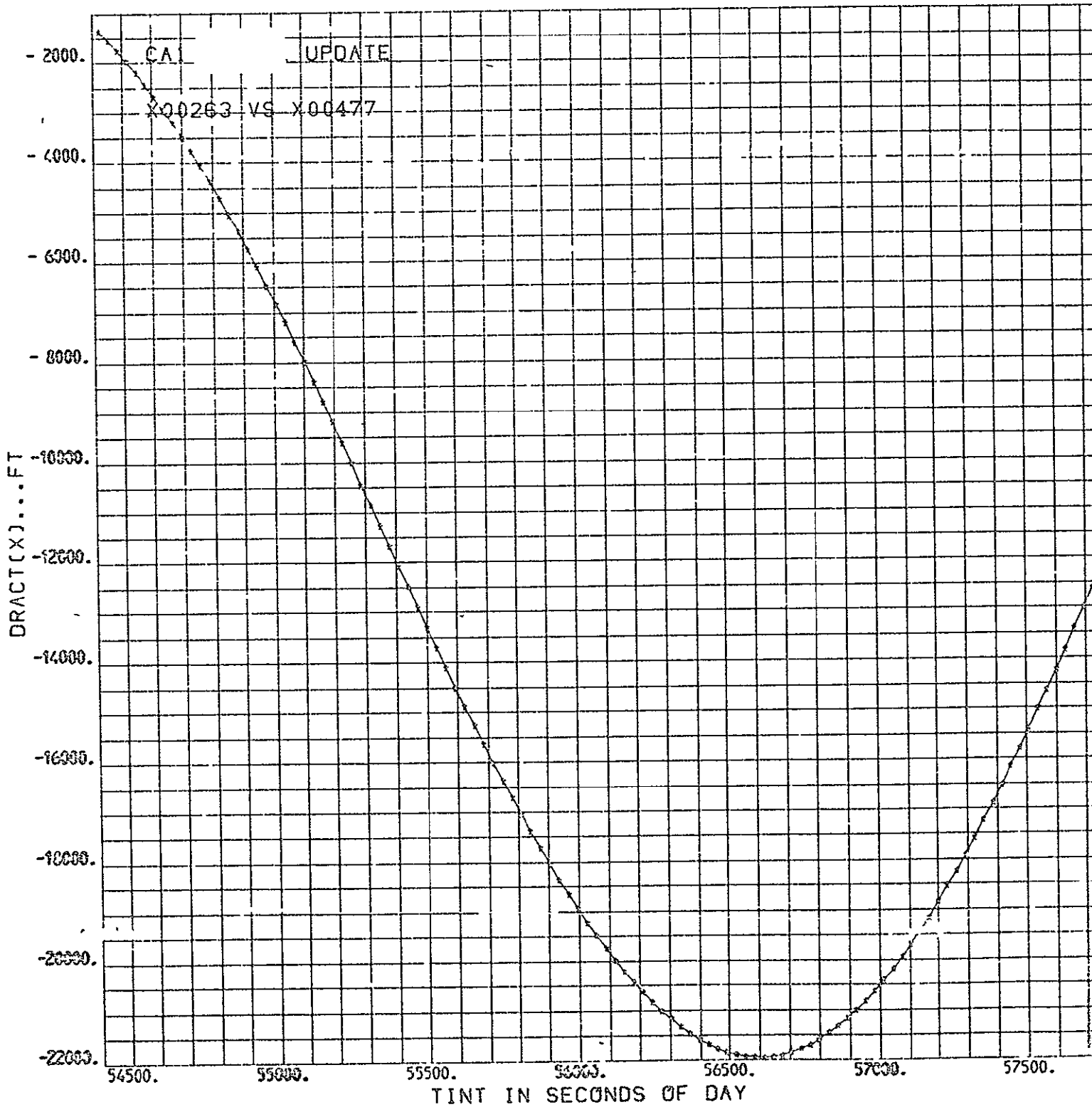
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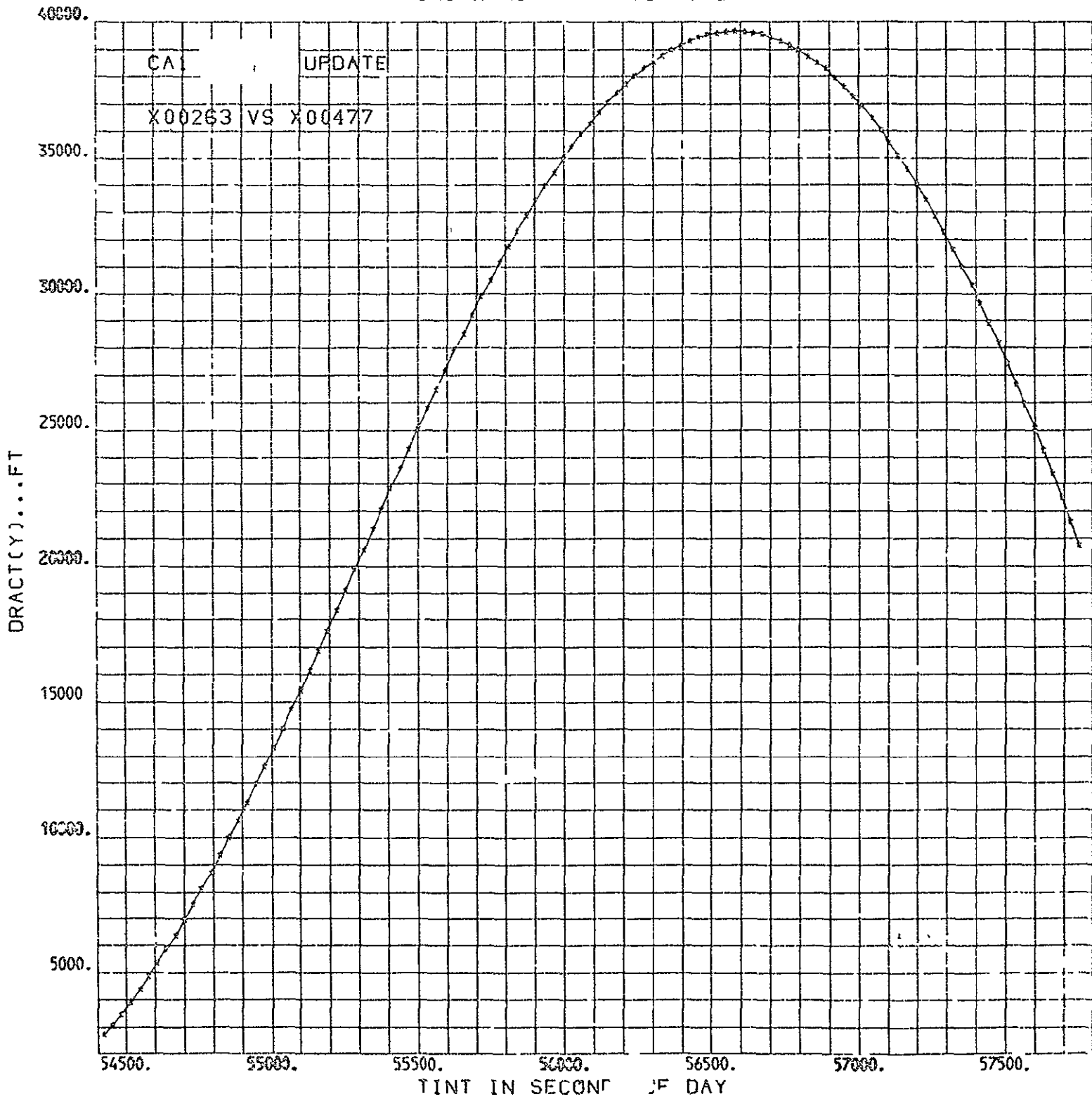
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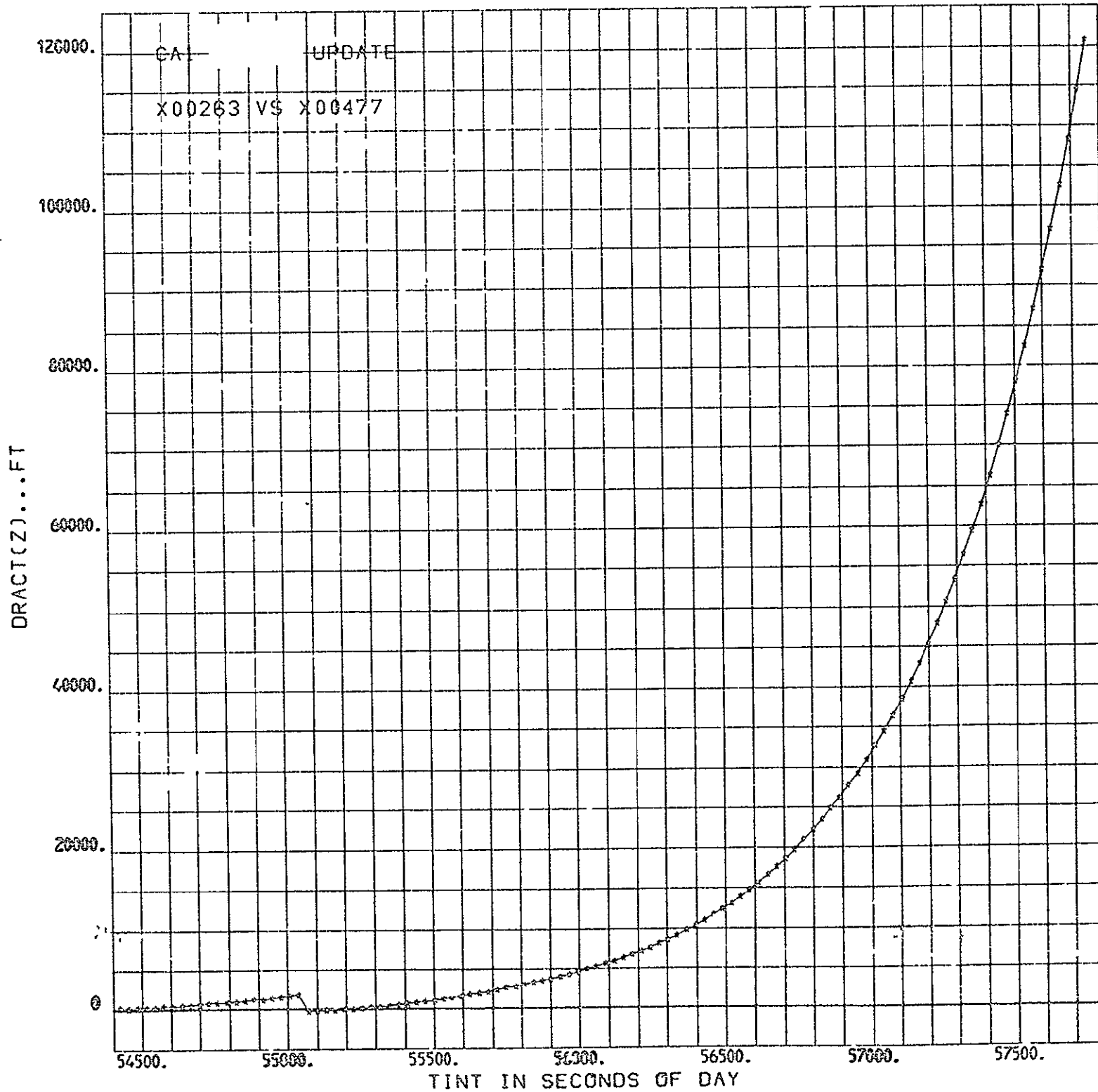
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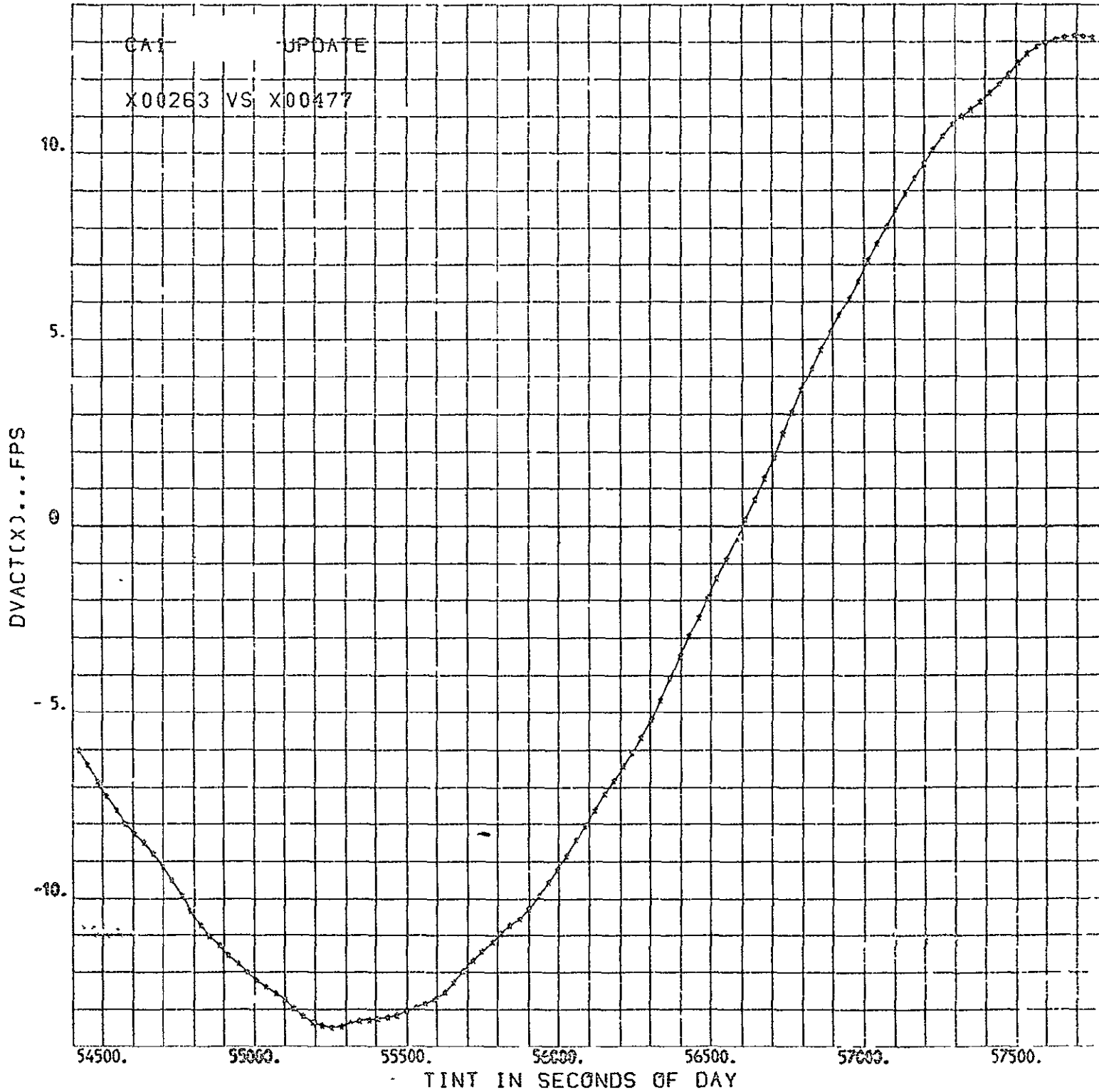
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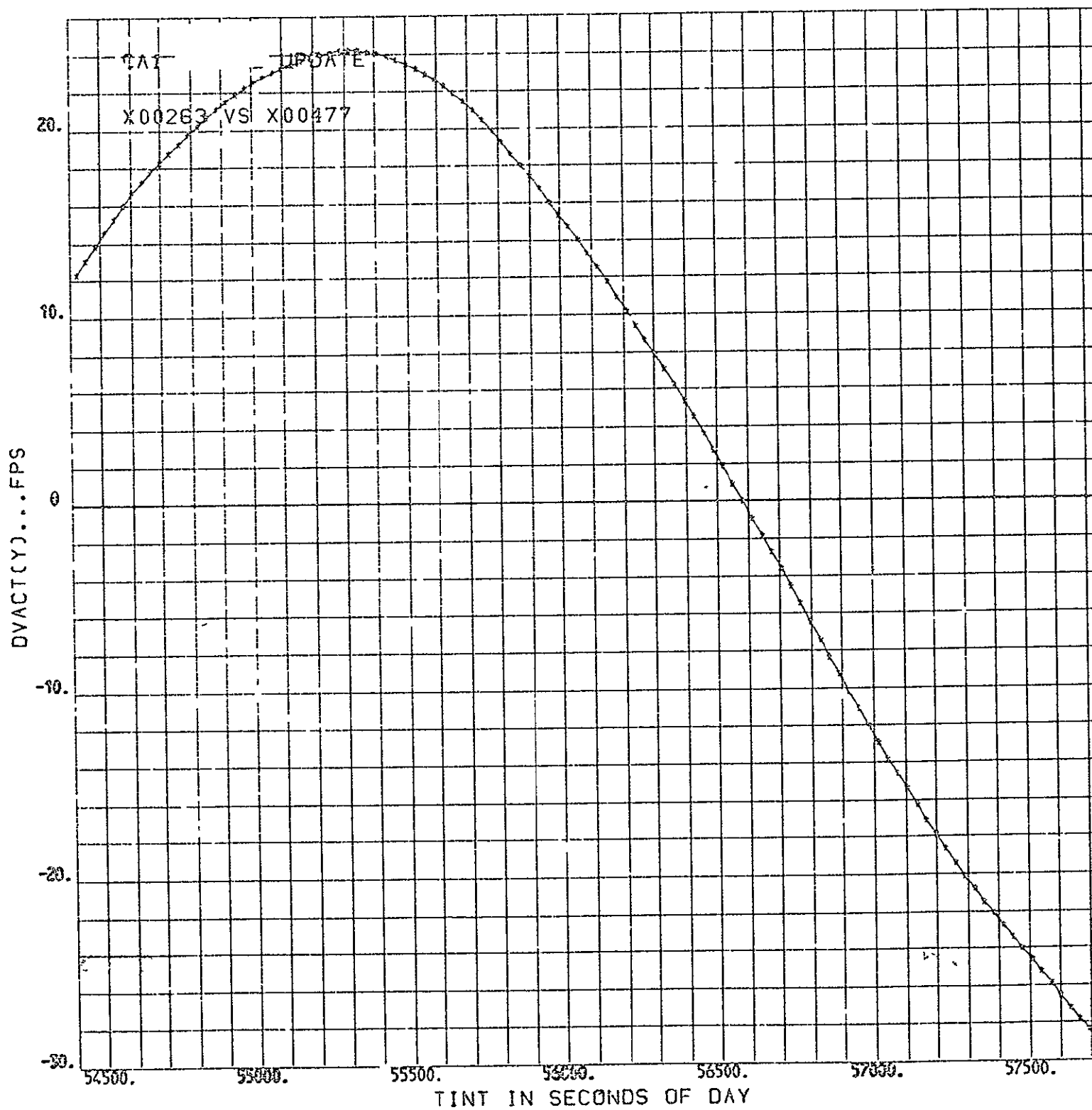
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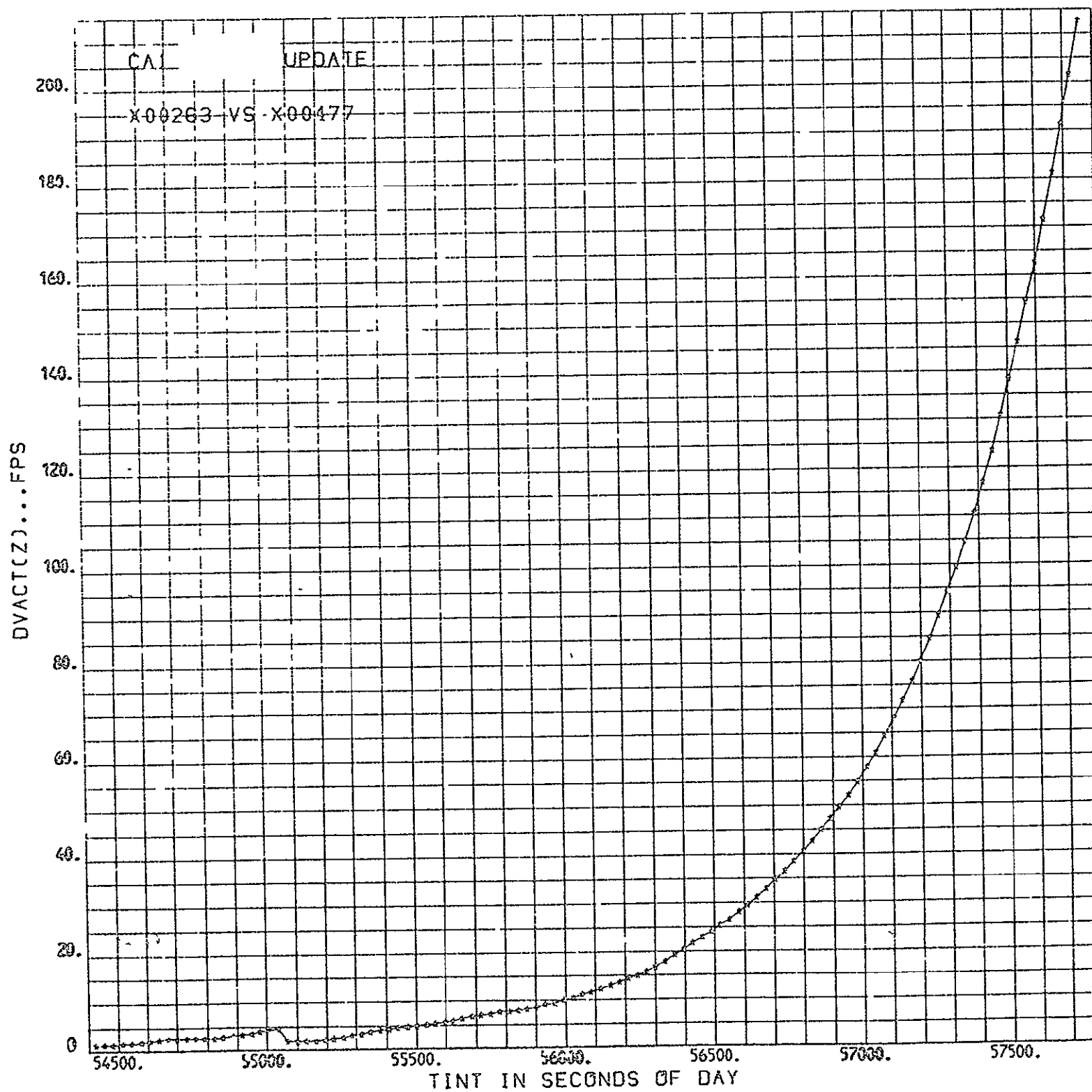
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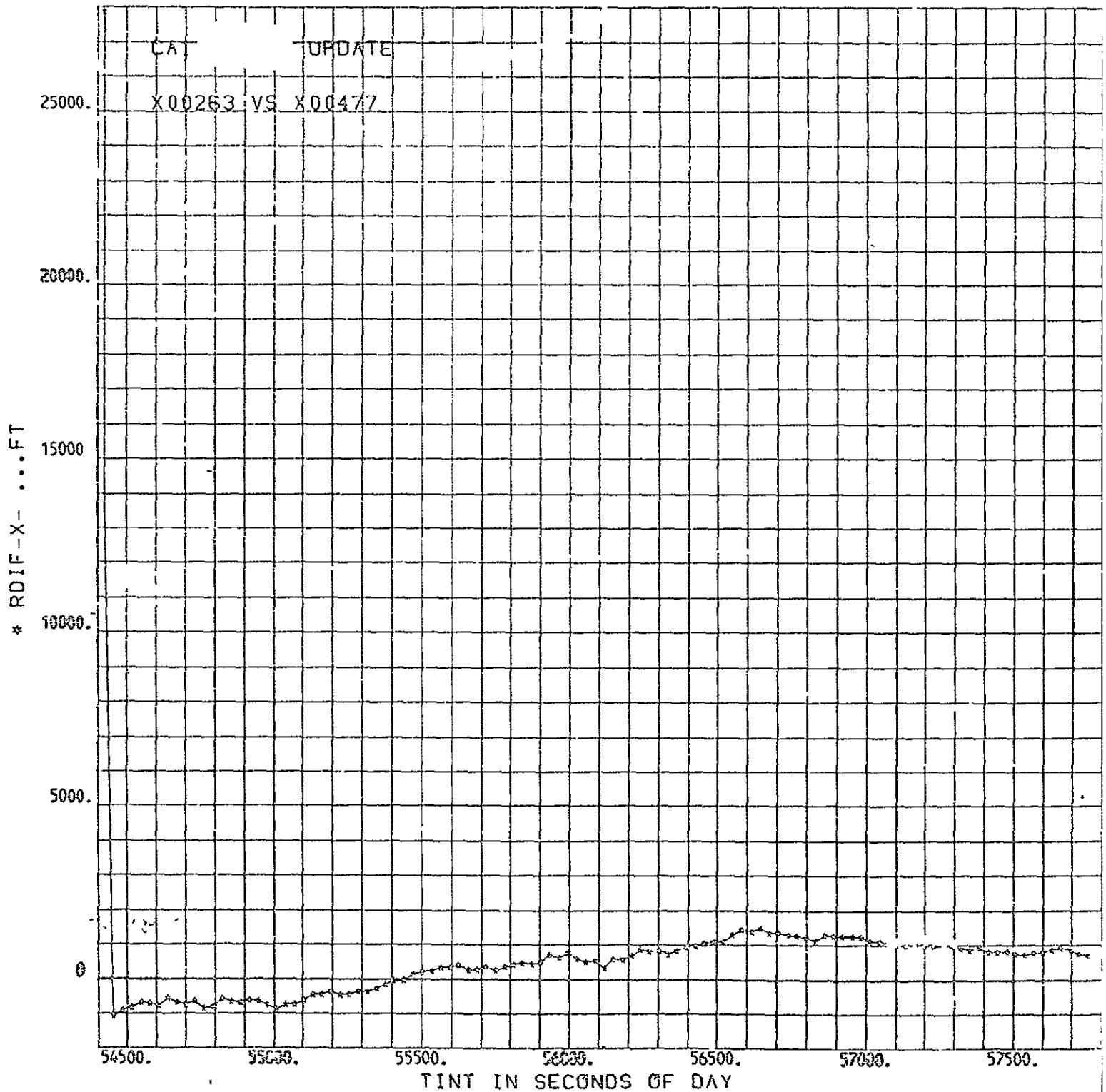
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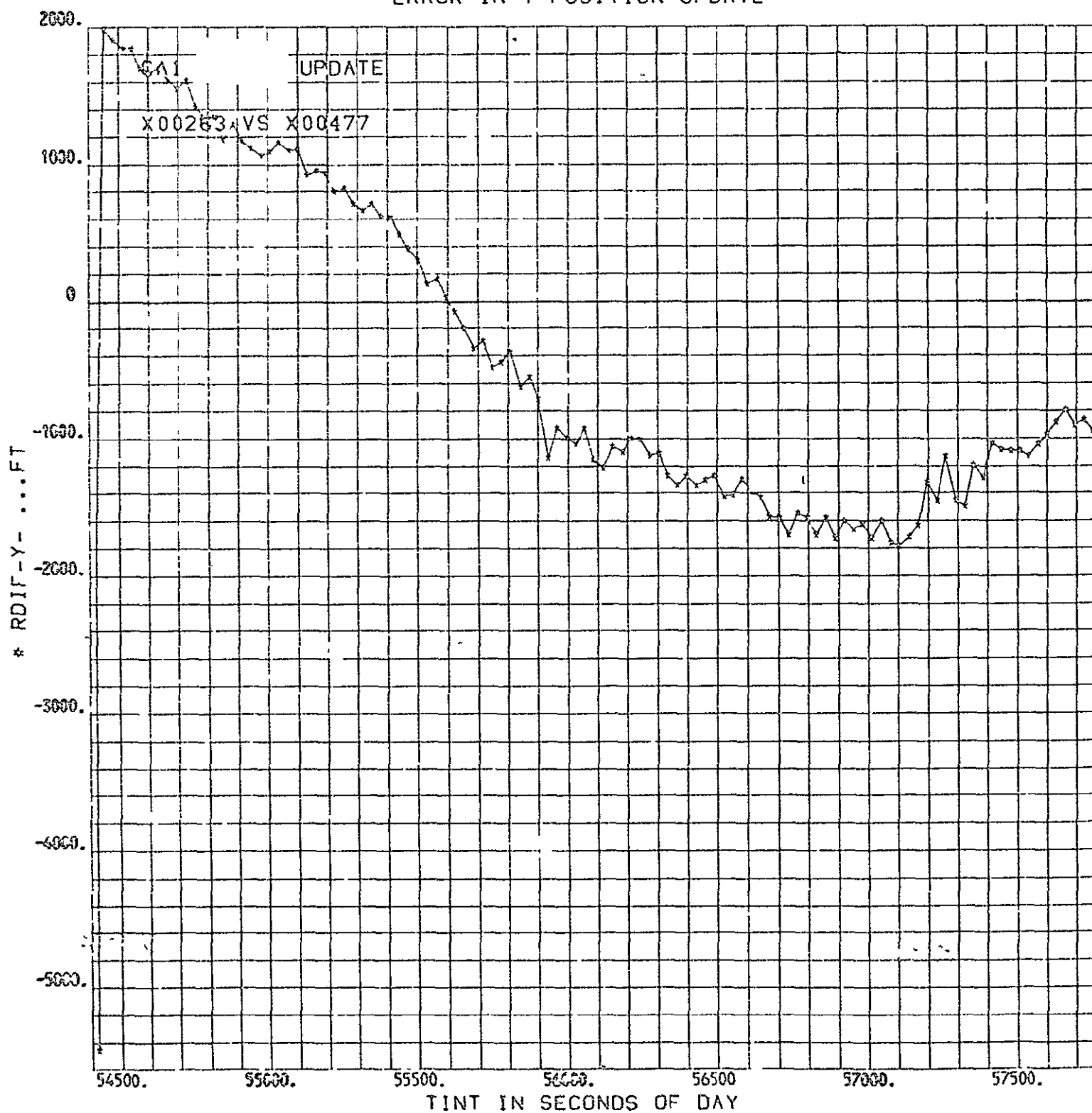
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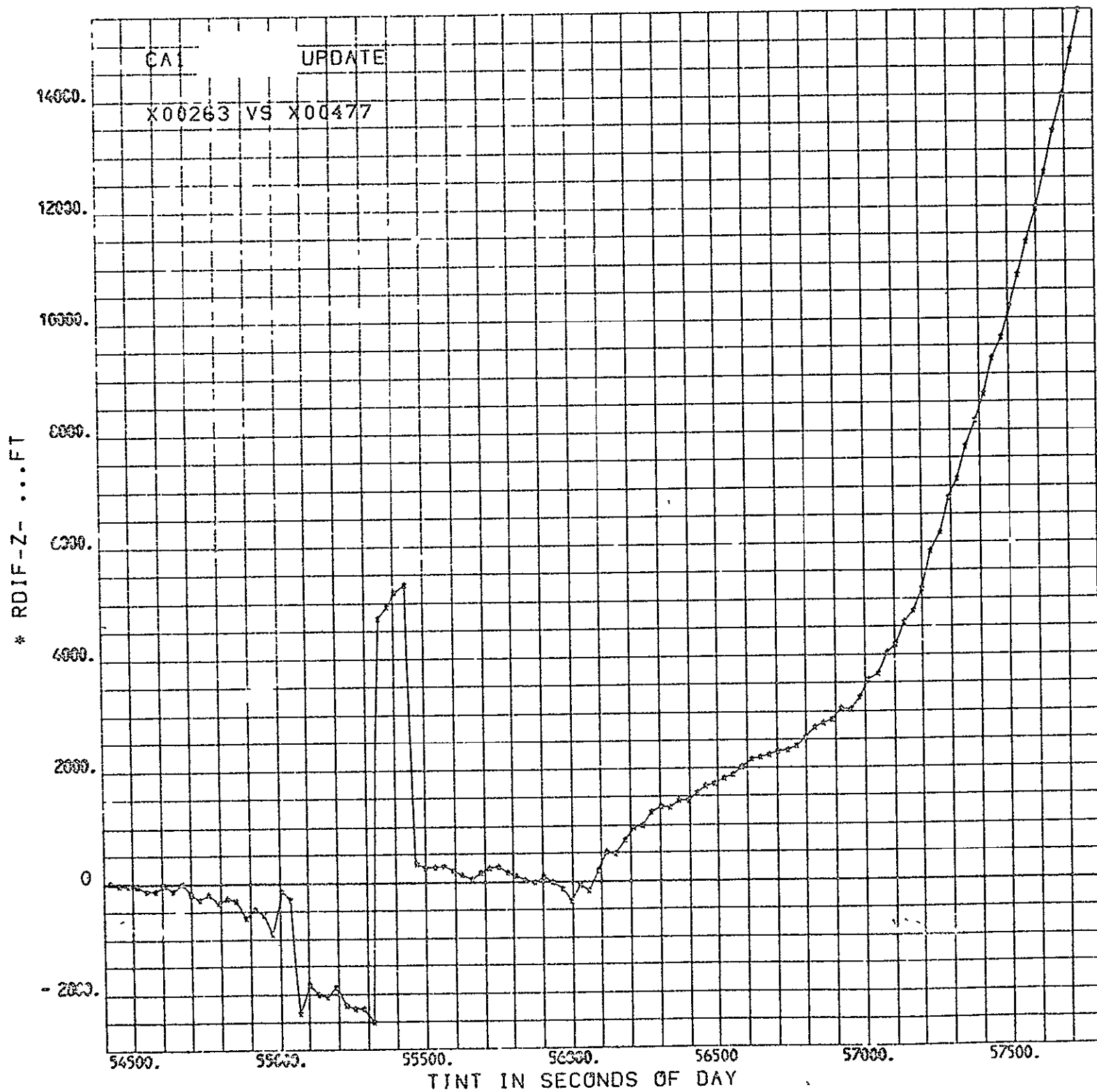
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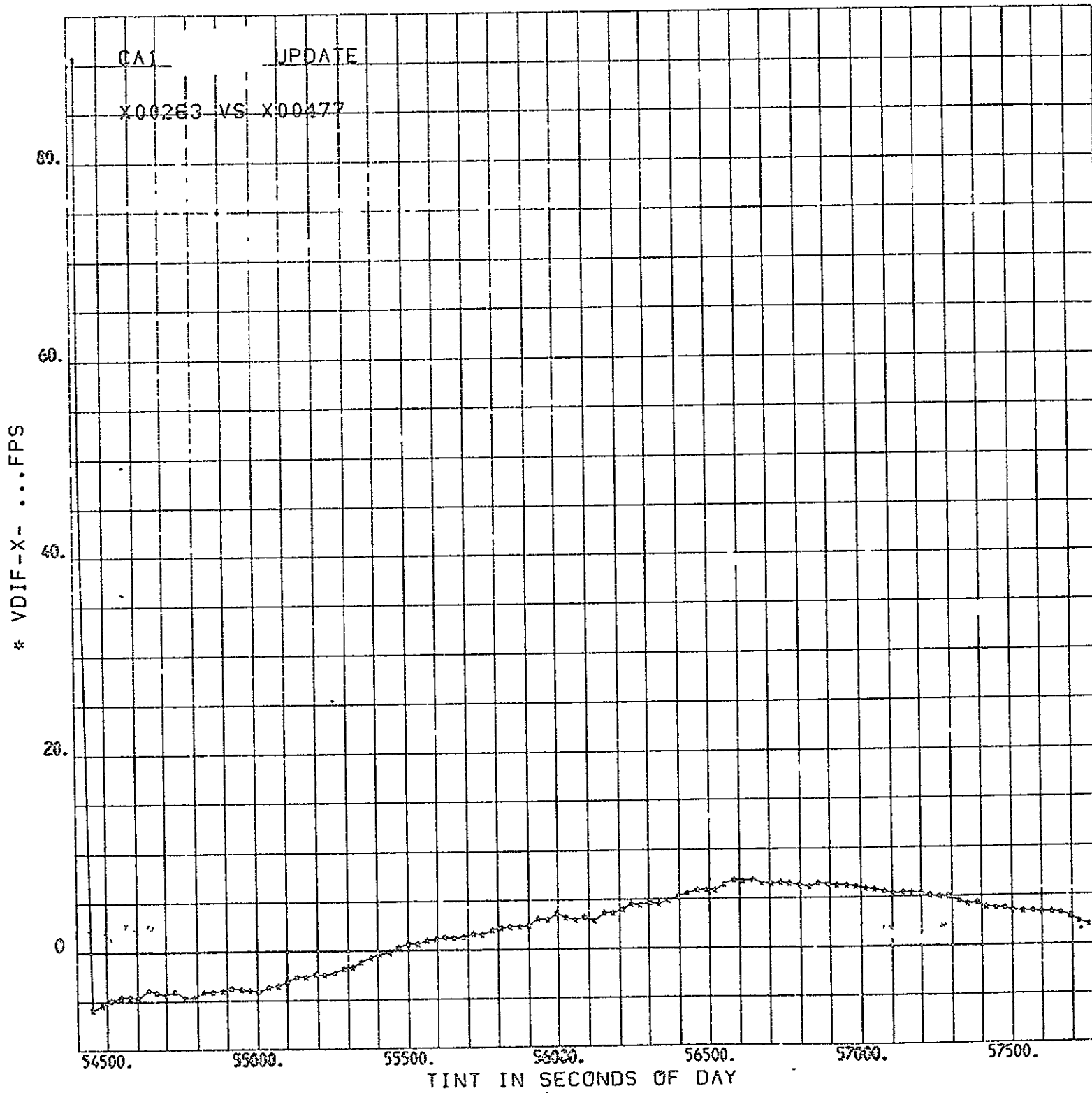
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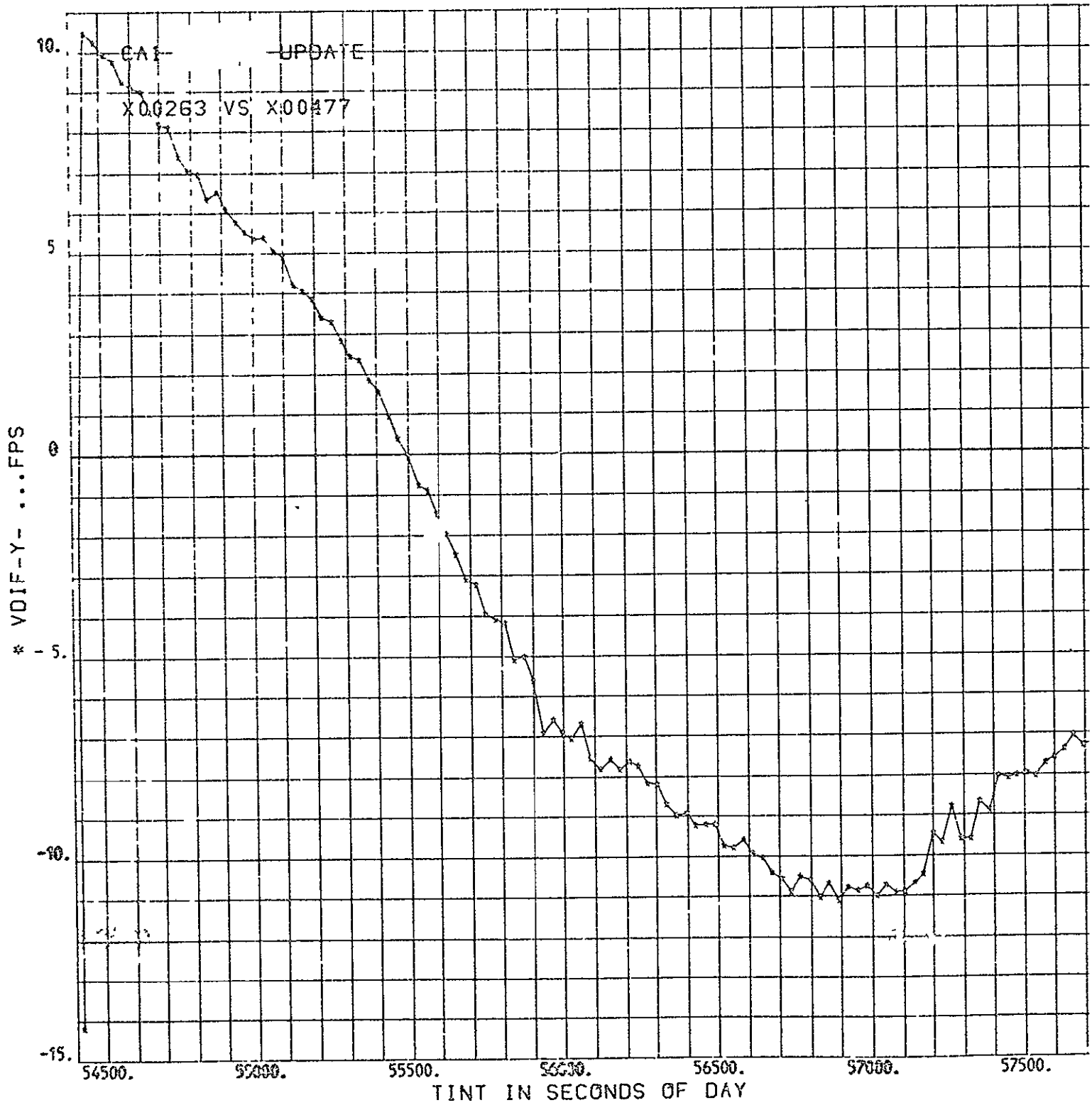
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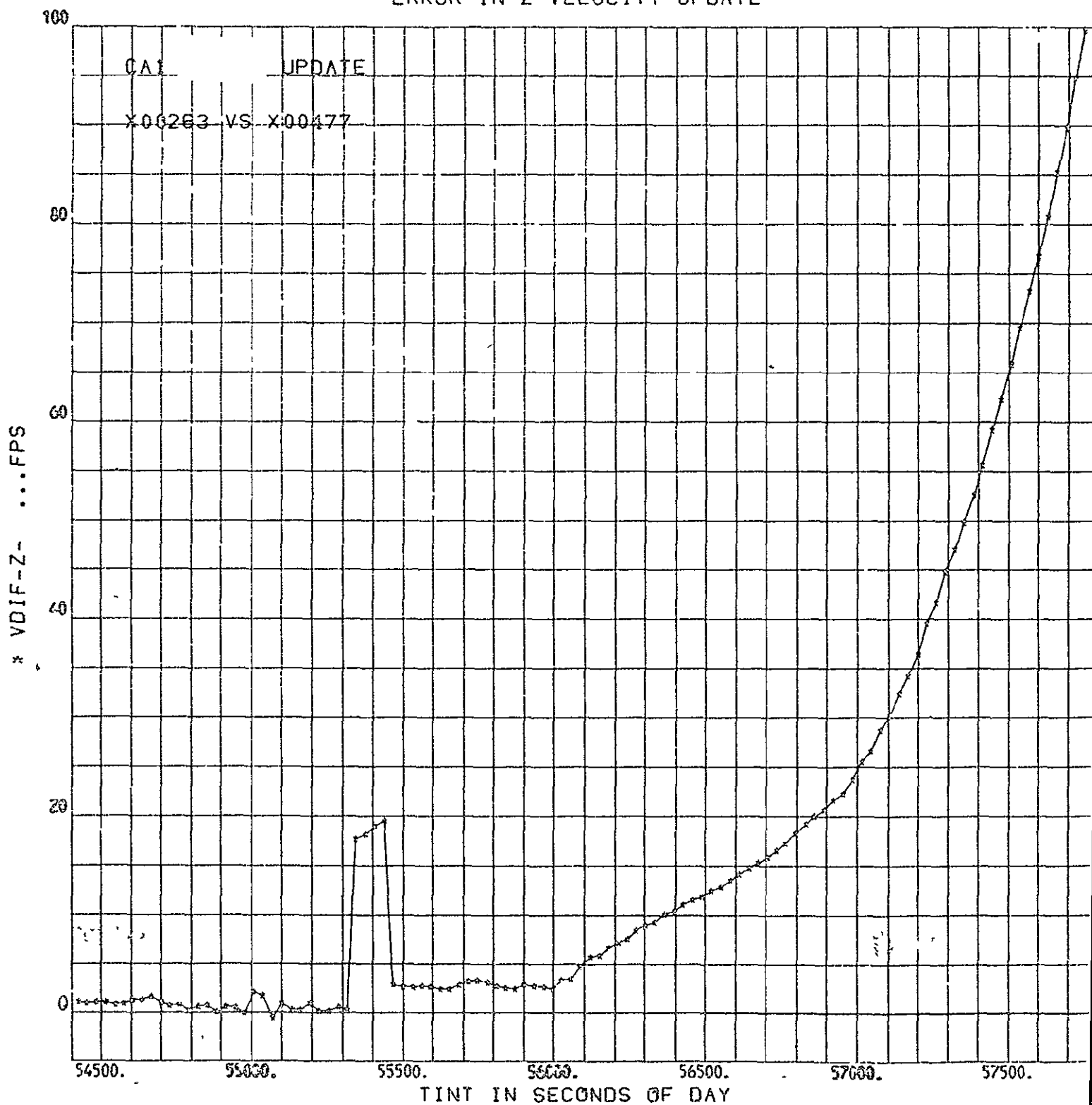
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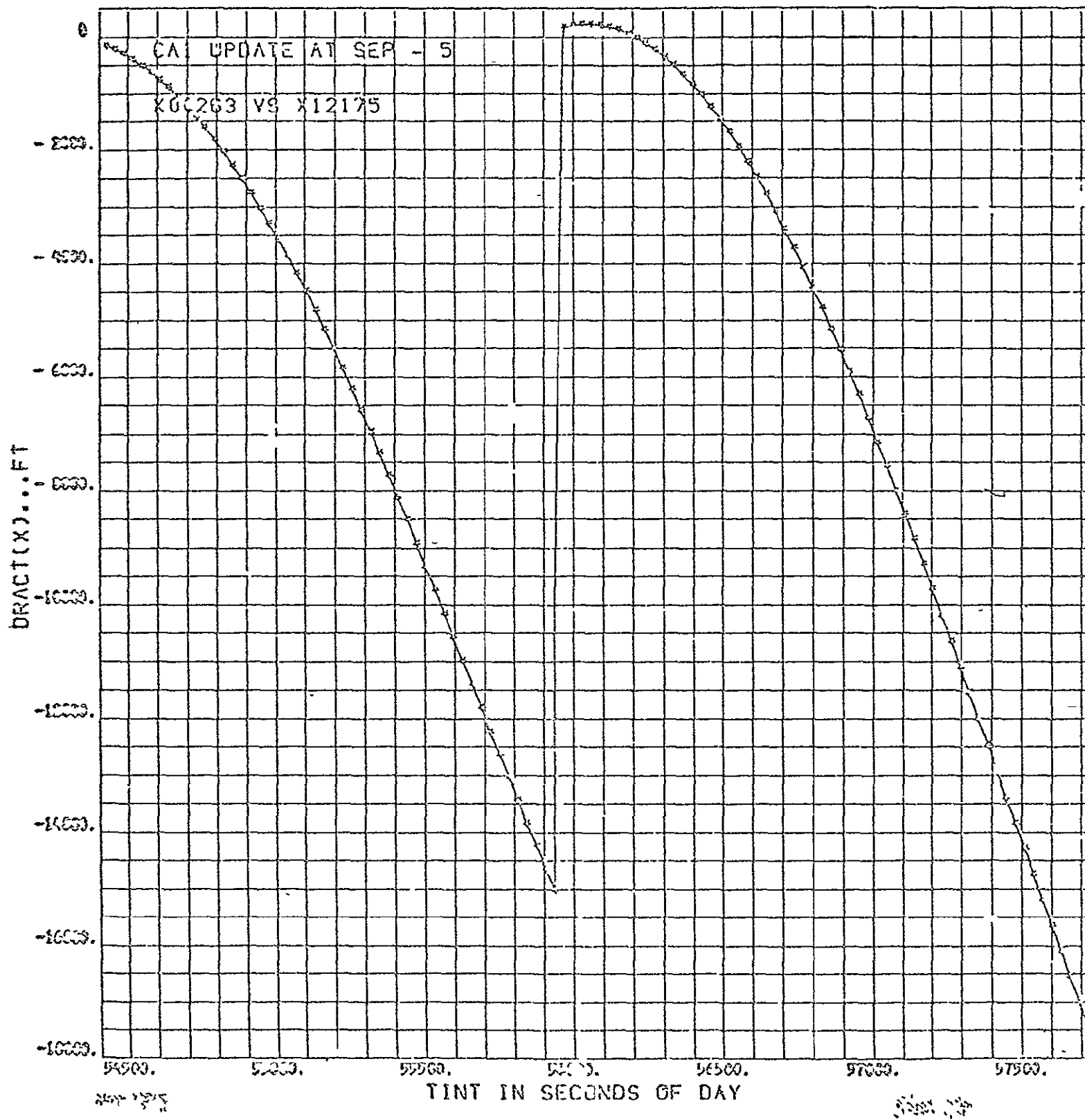


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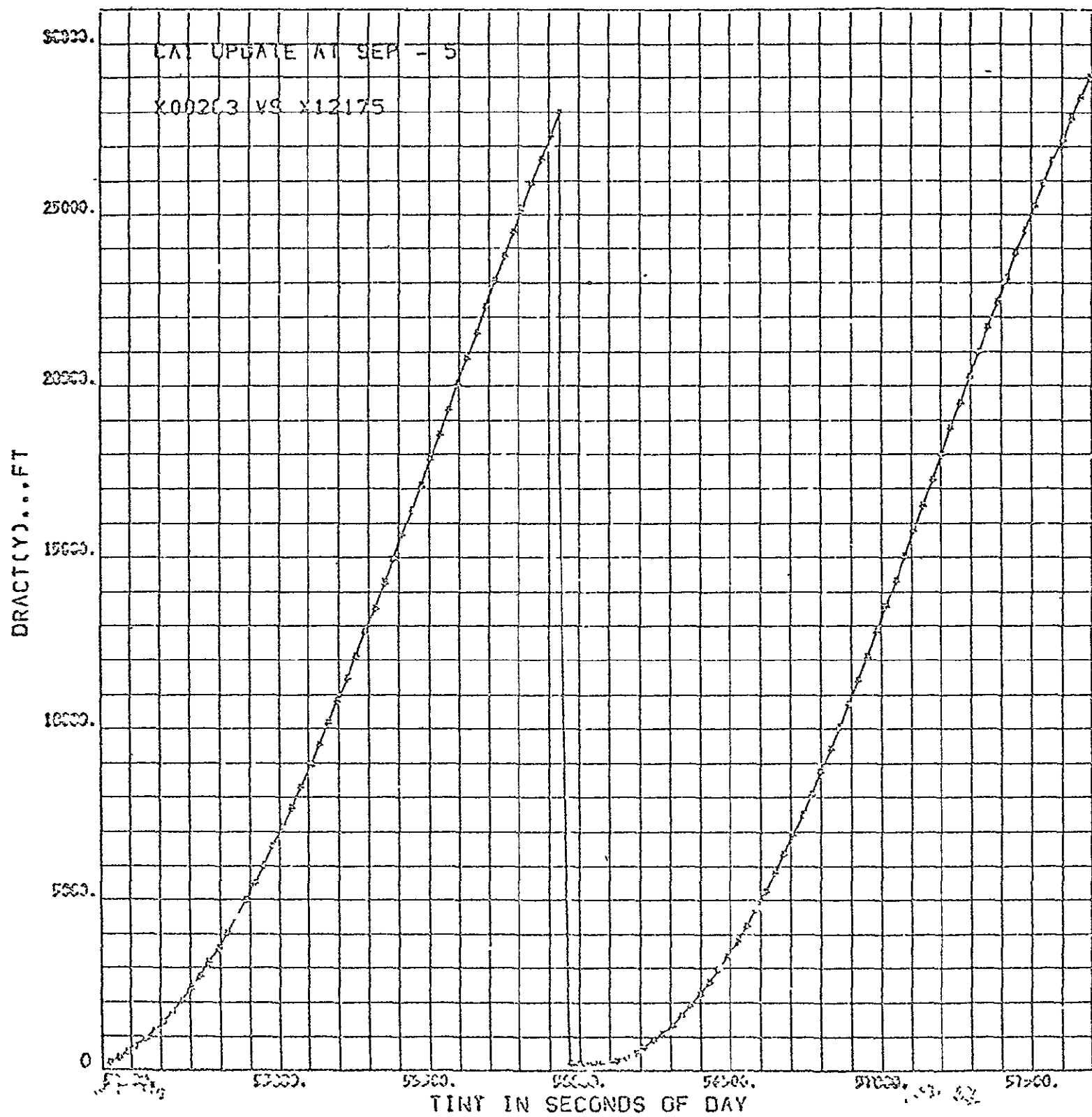
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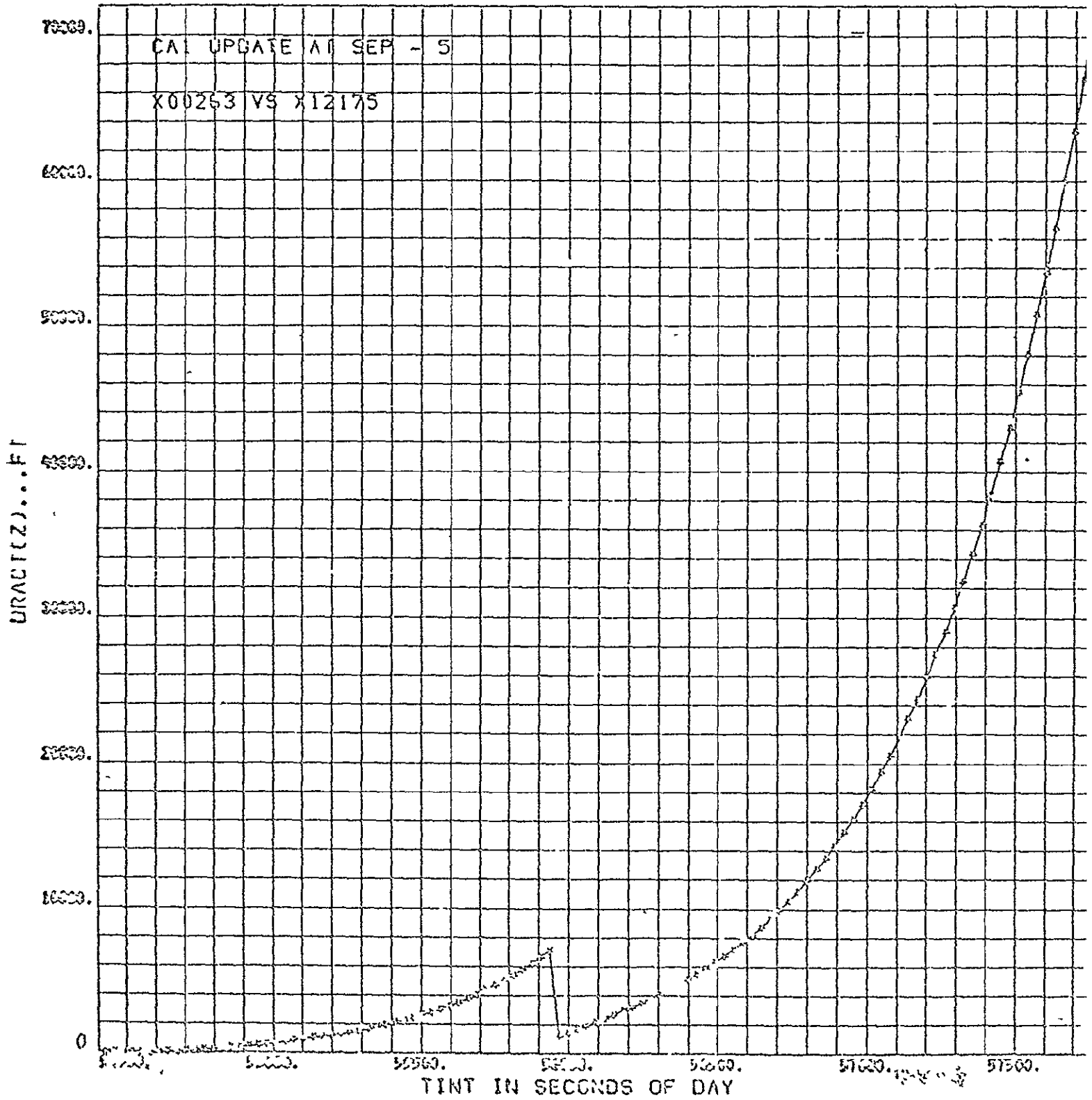


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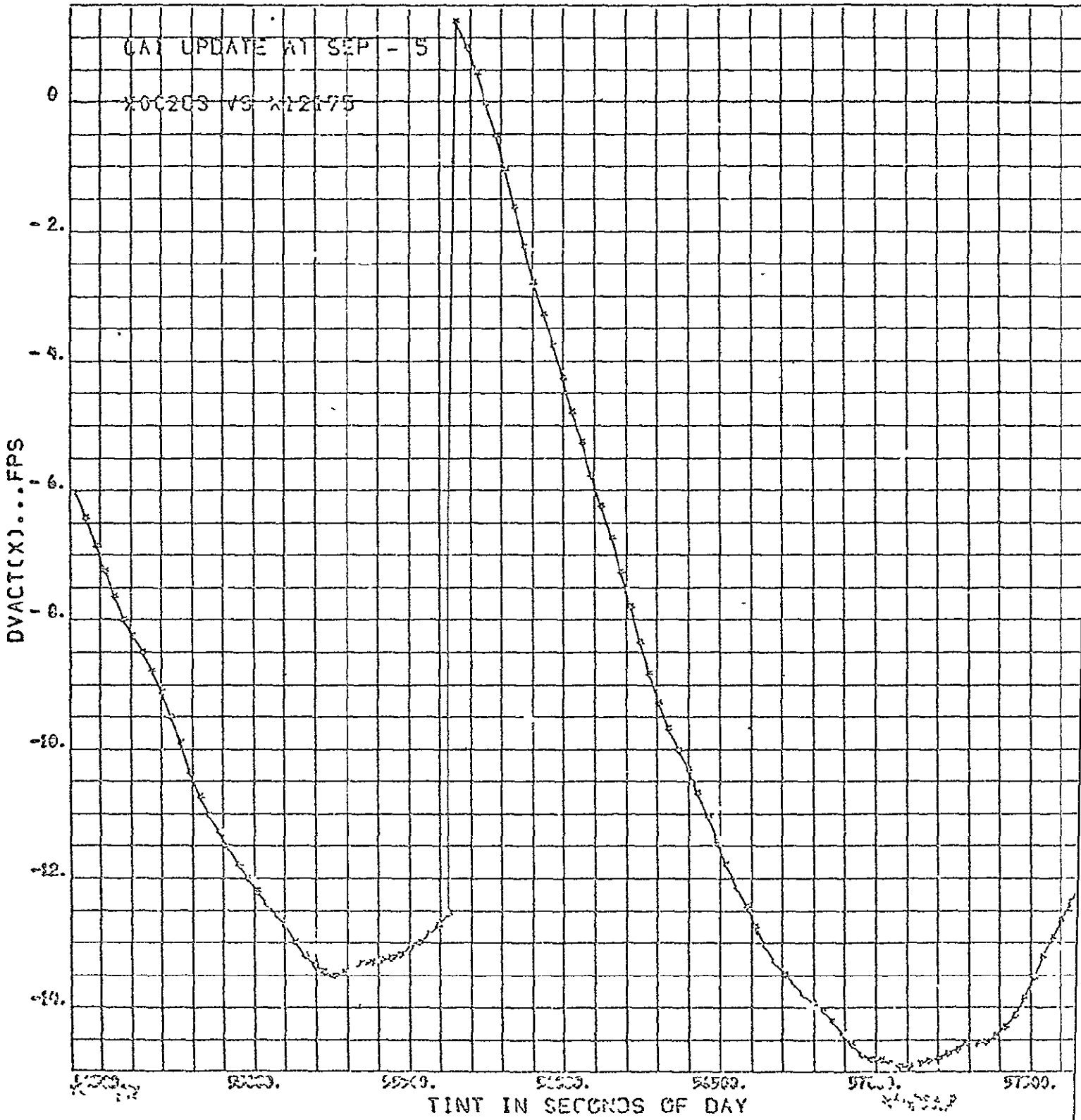
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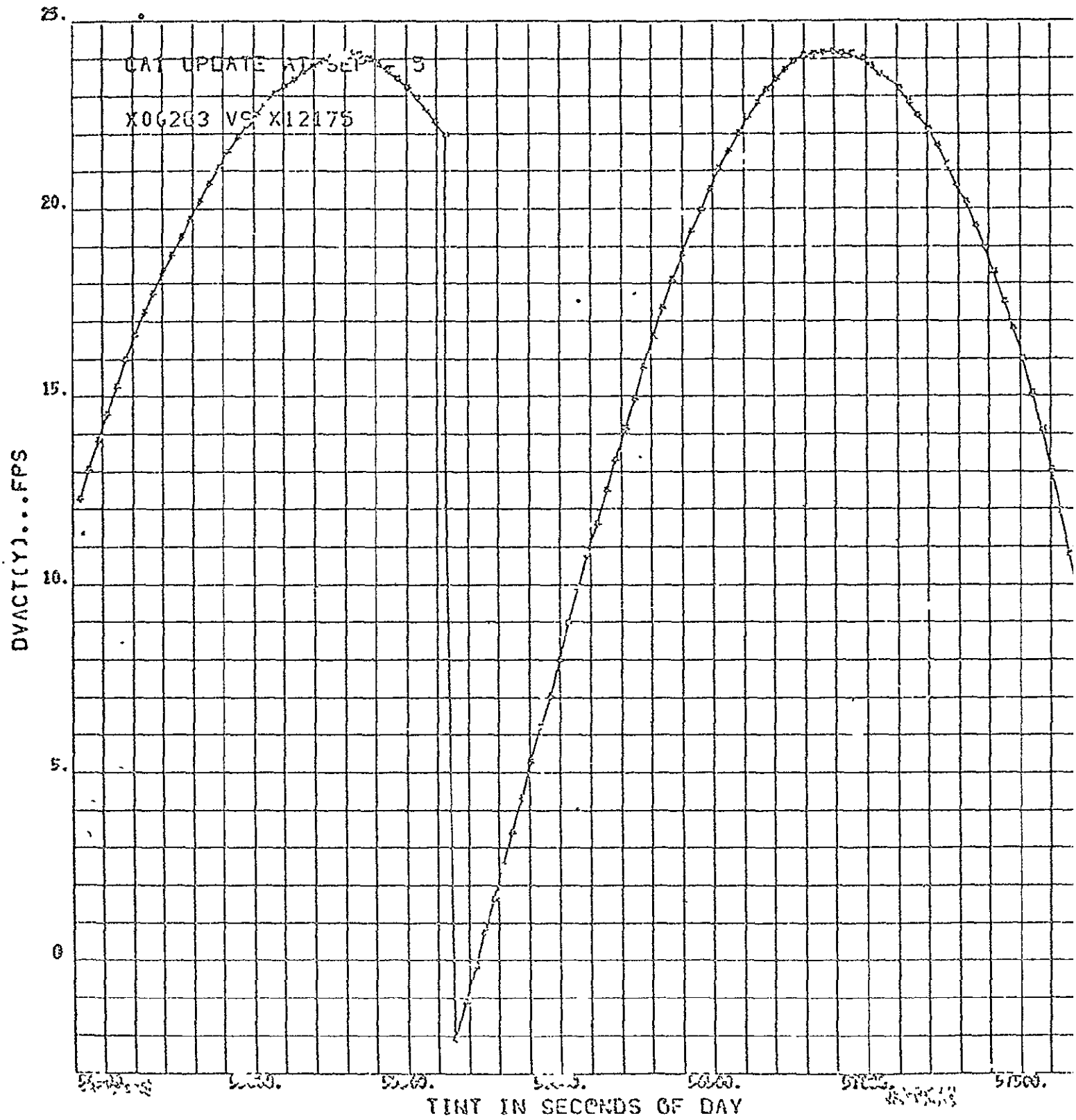


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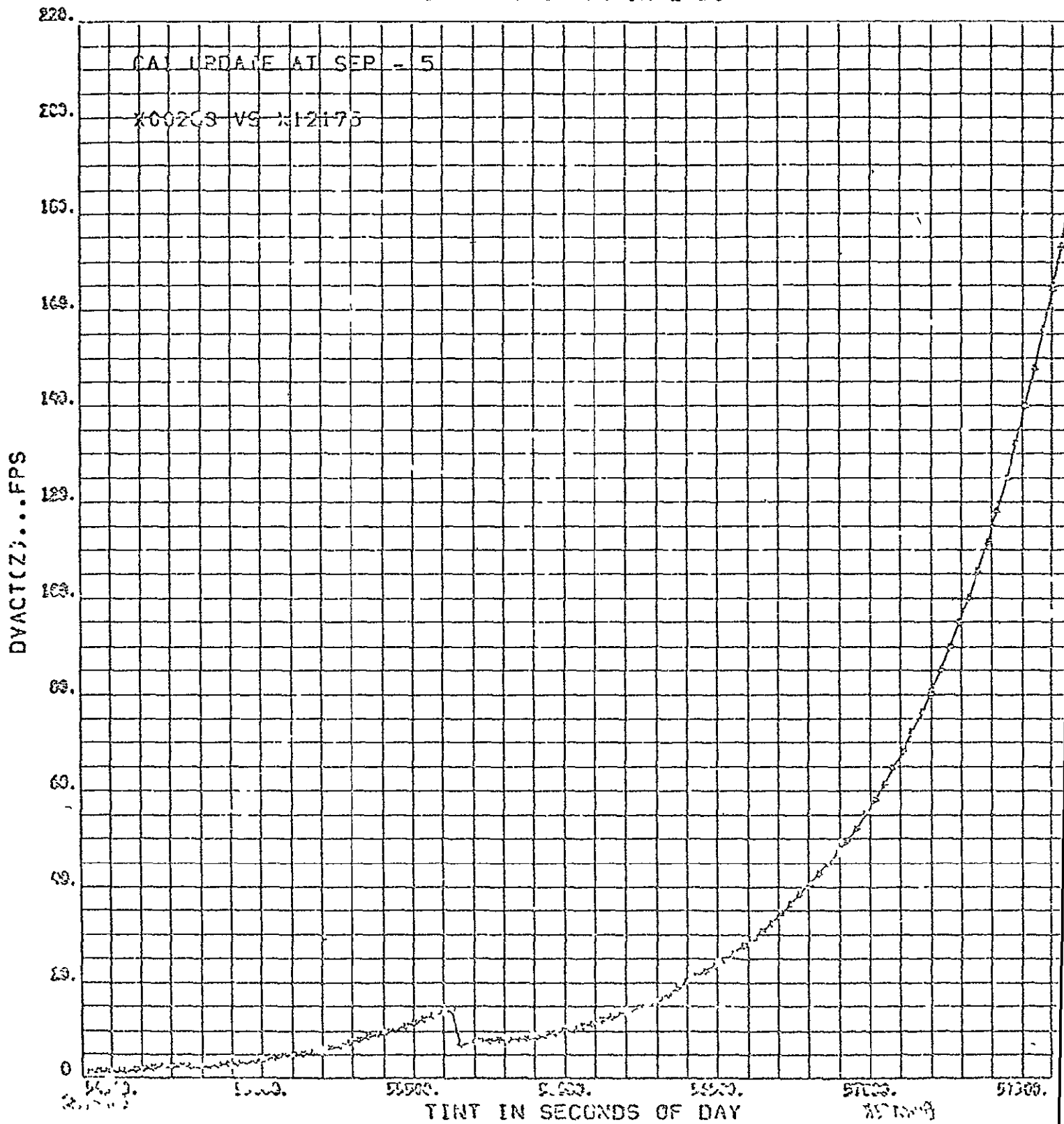


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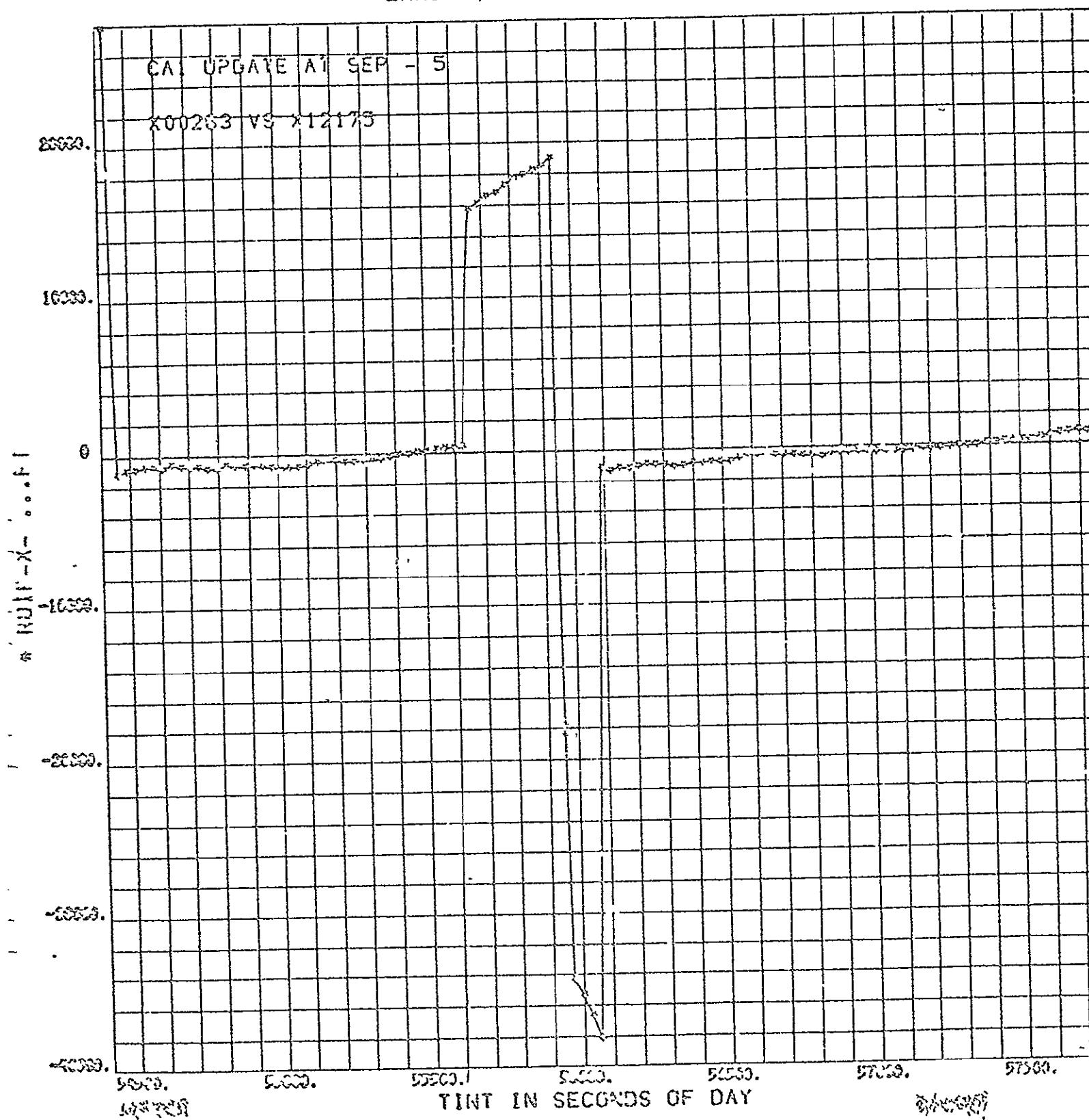


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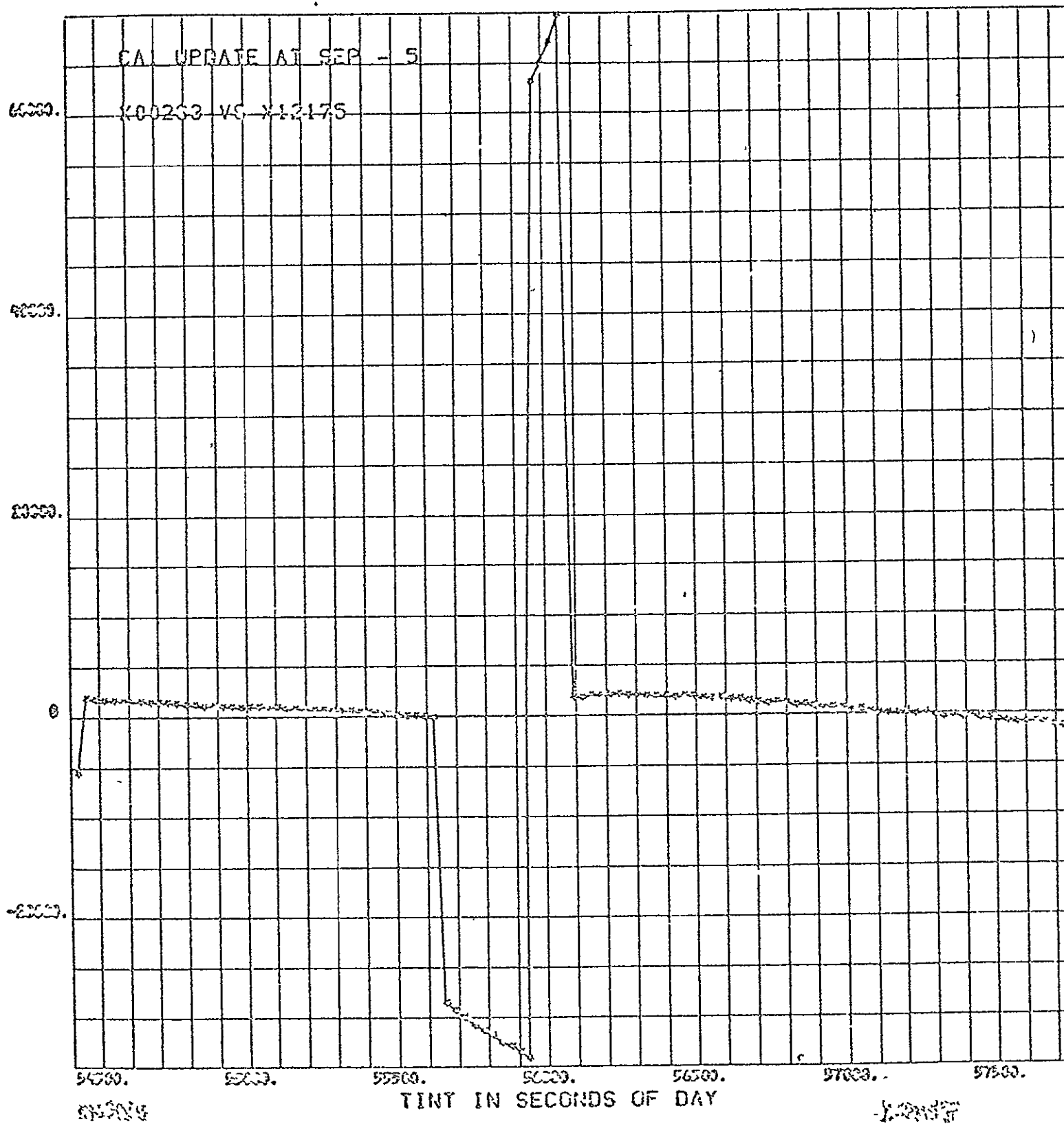


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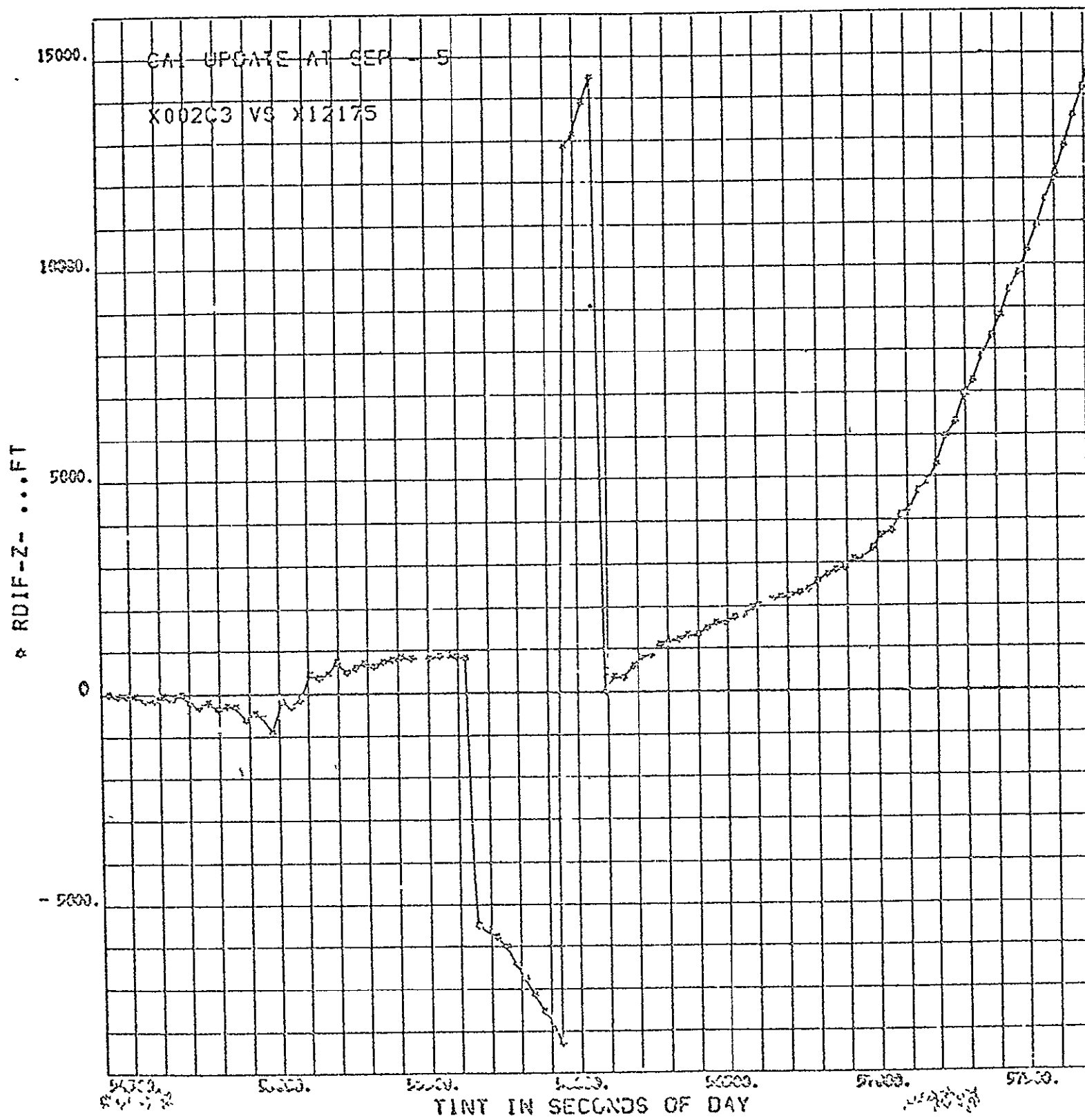
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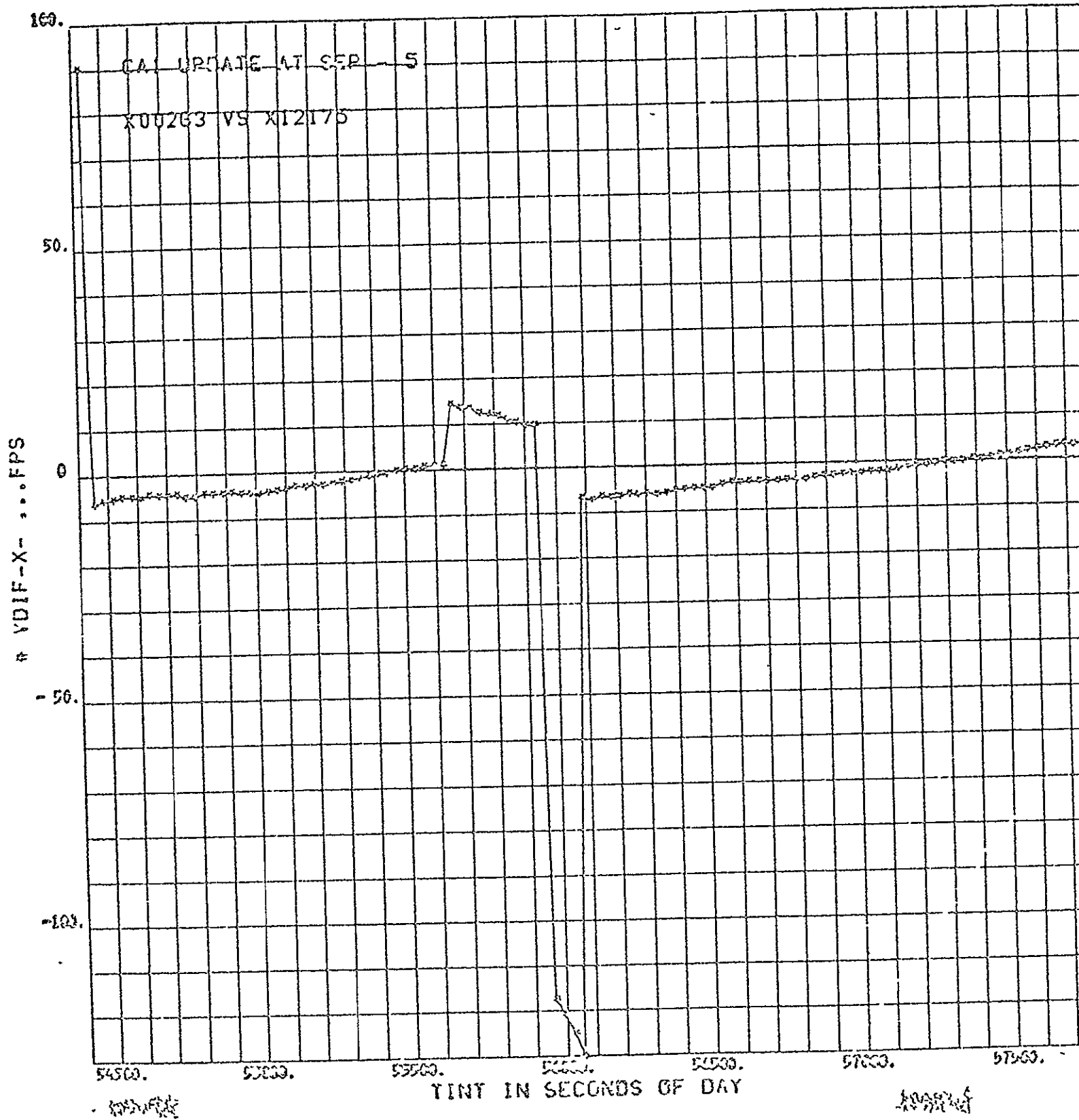
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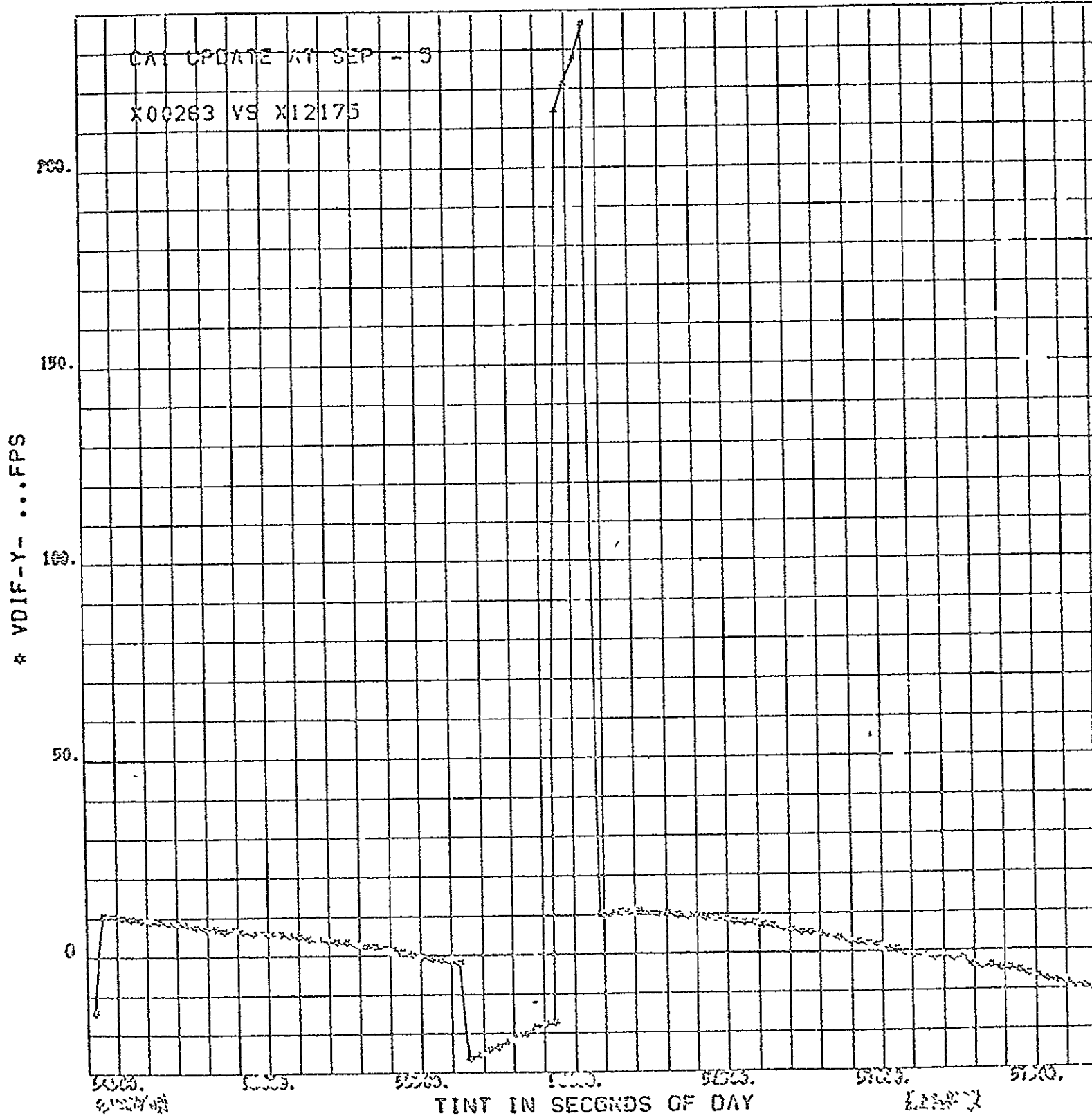
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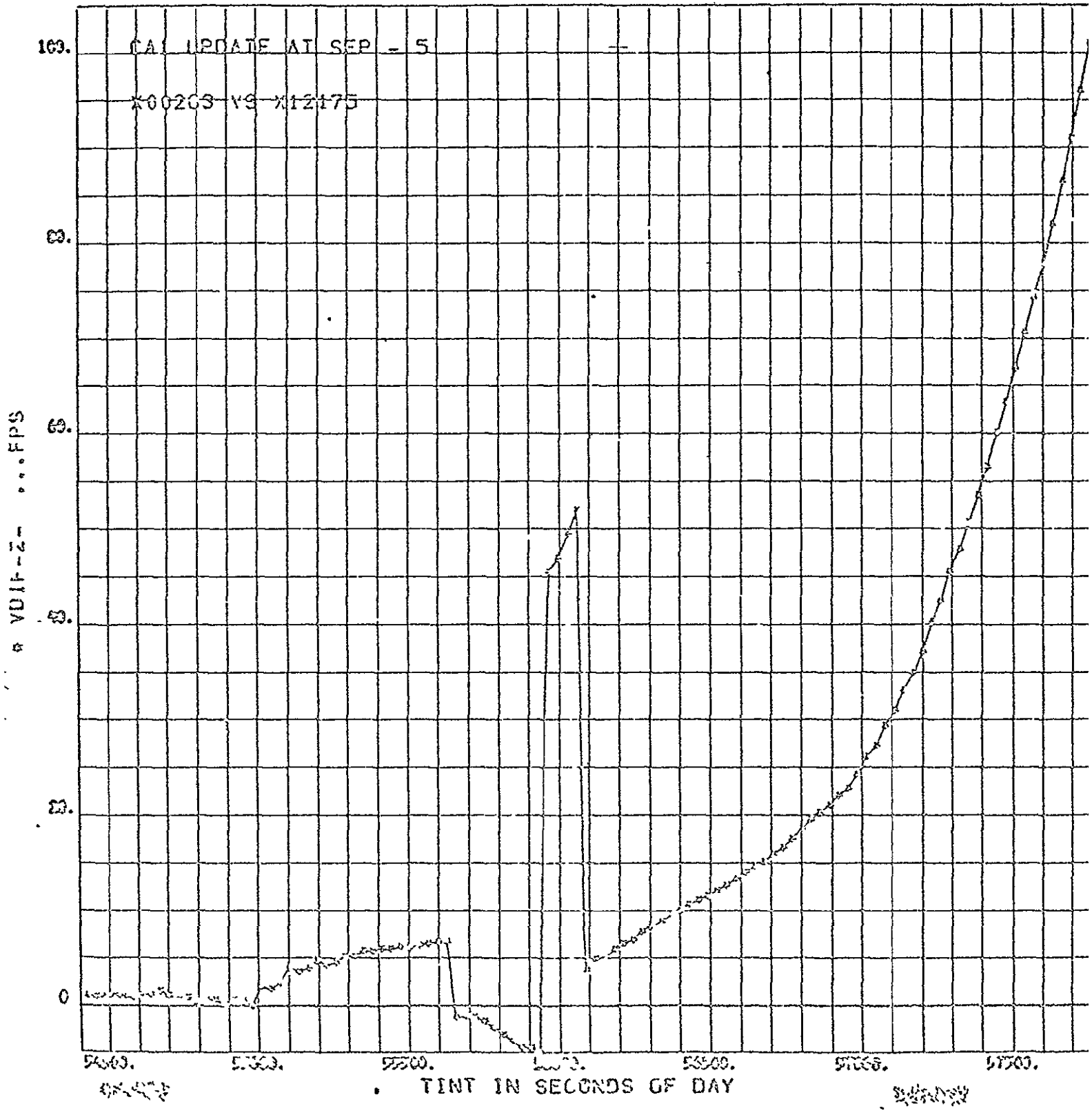


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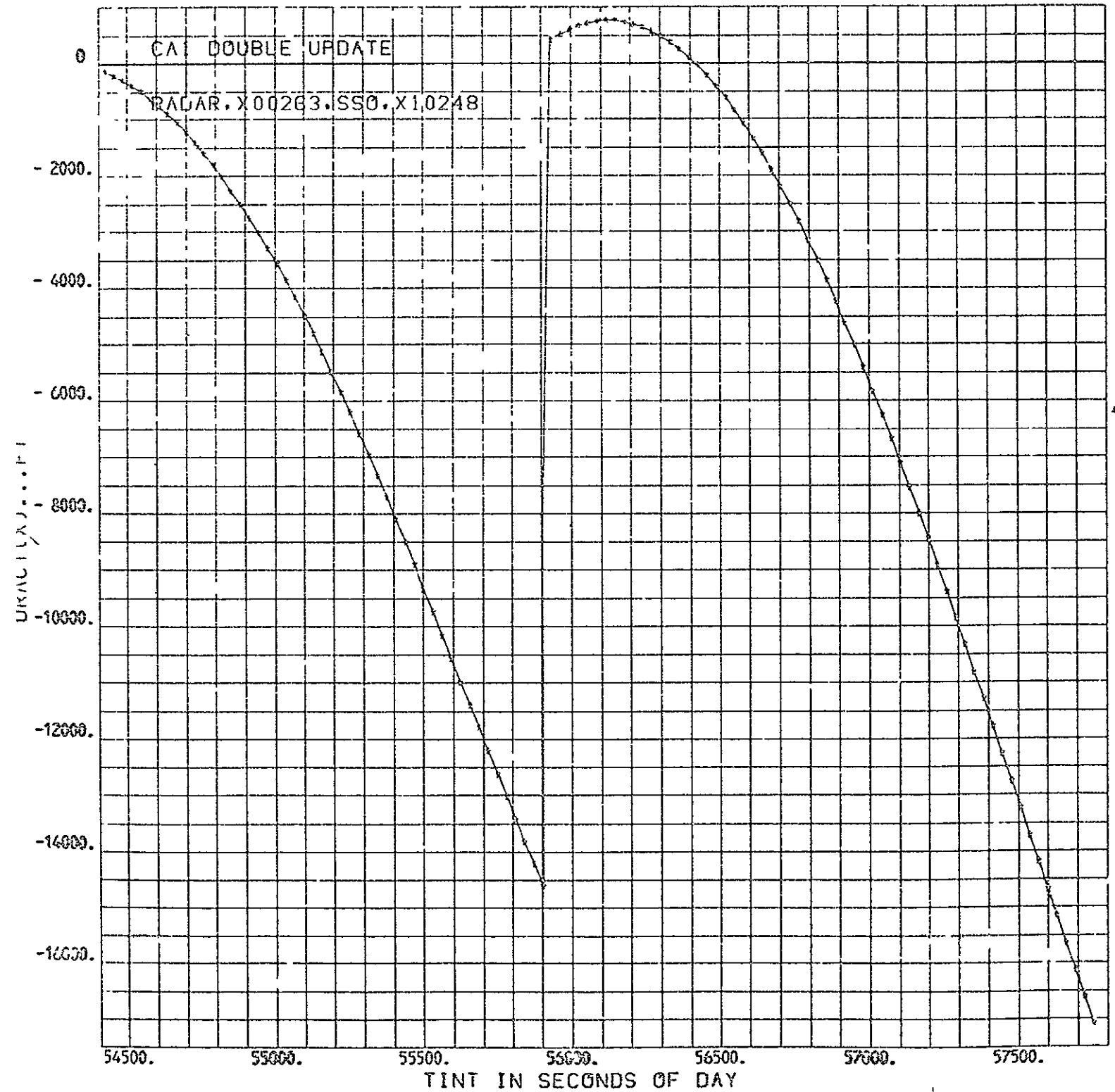


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APPENDIX 4

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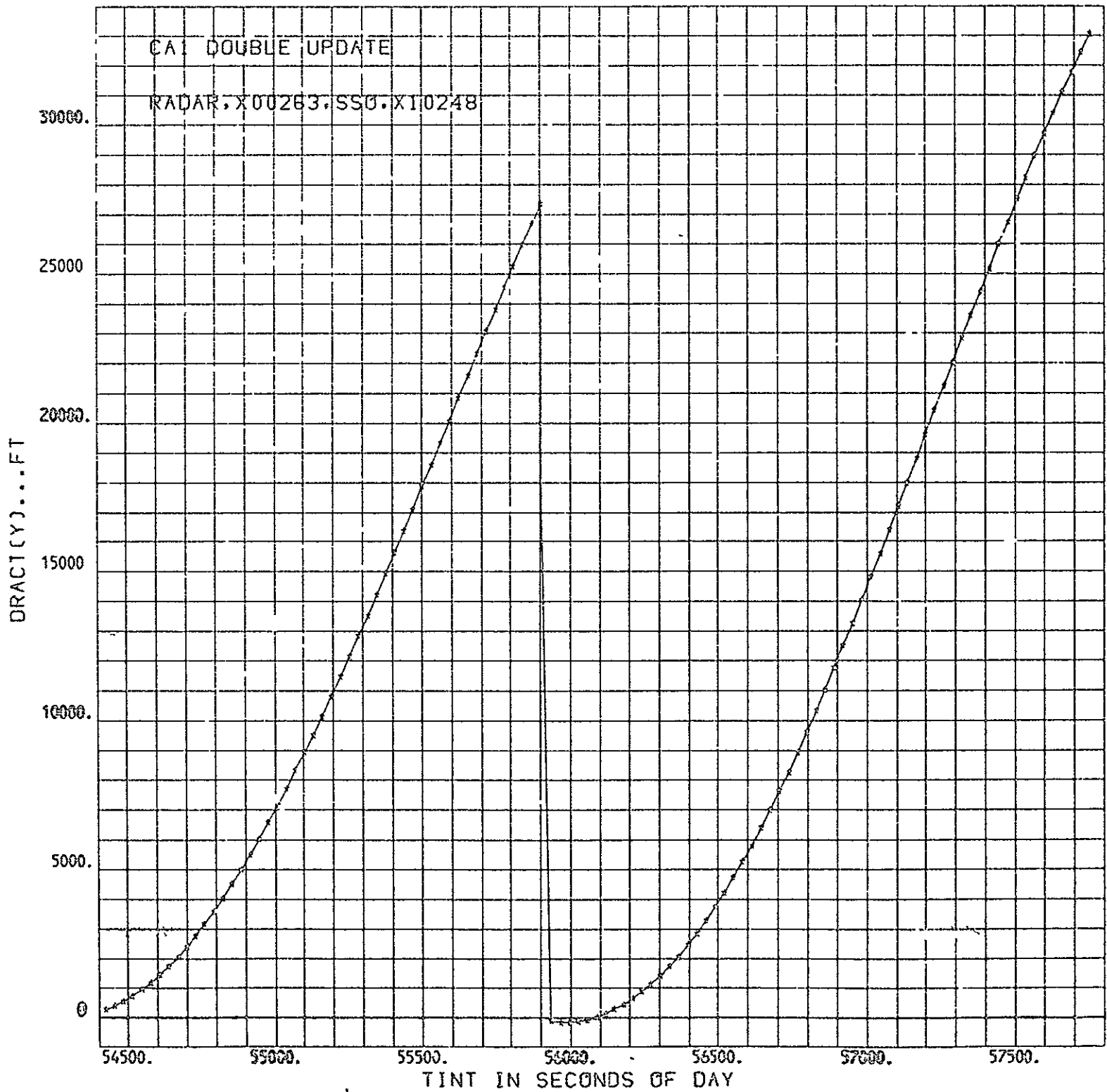
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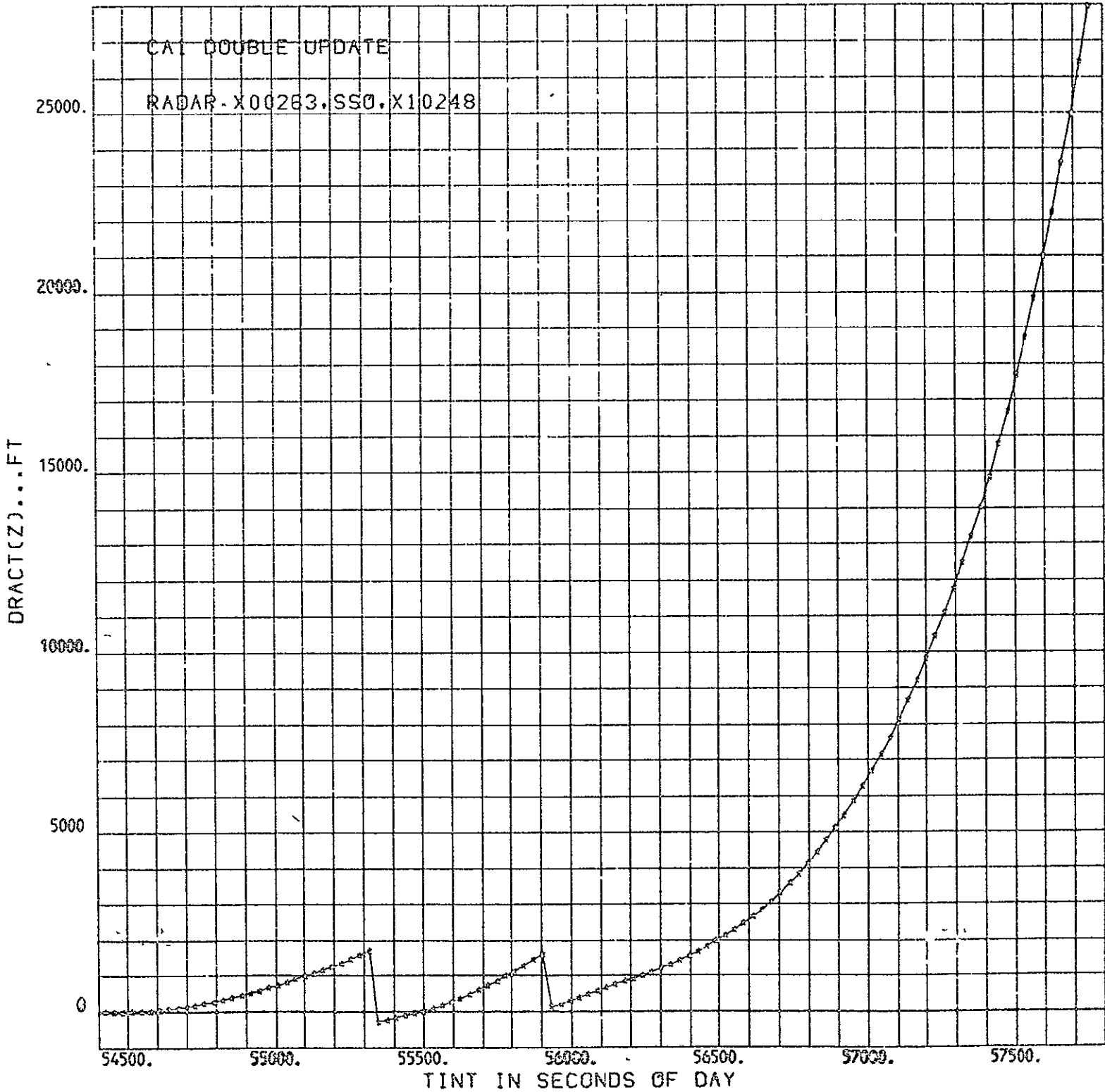
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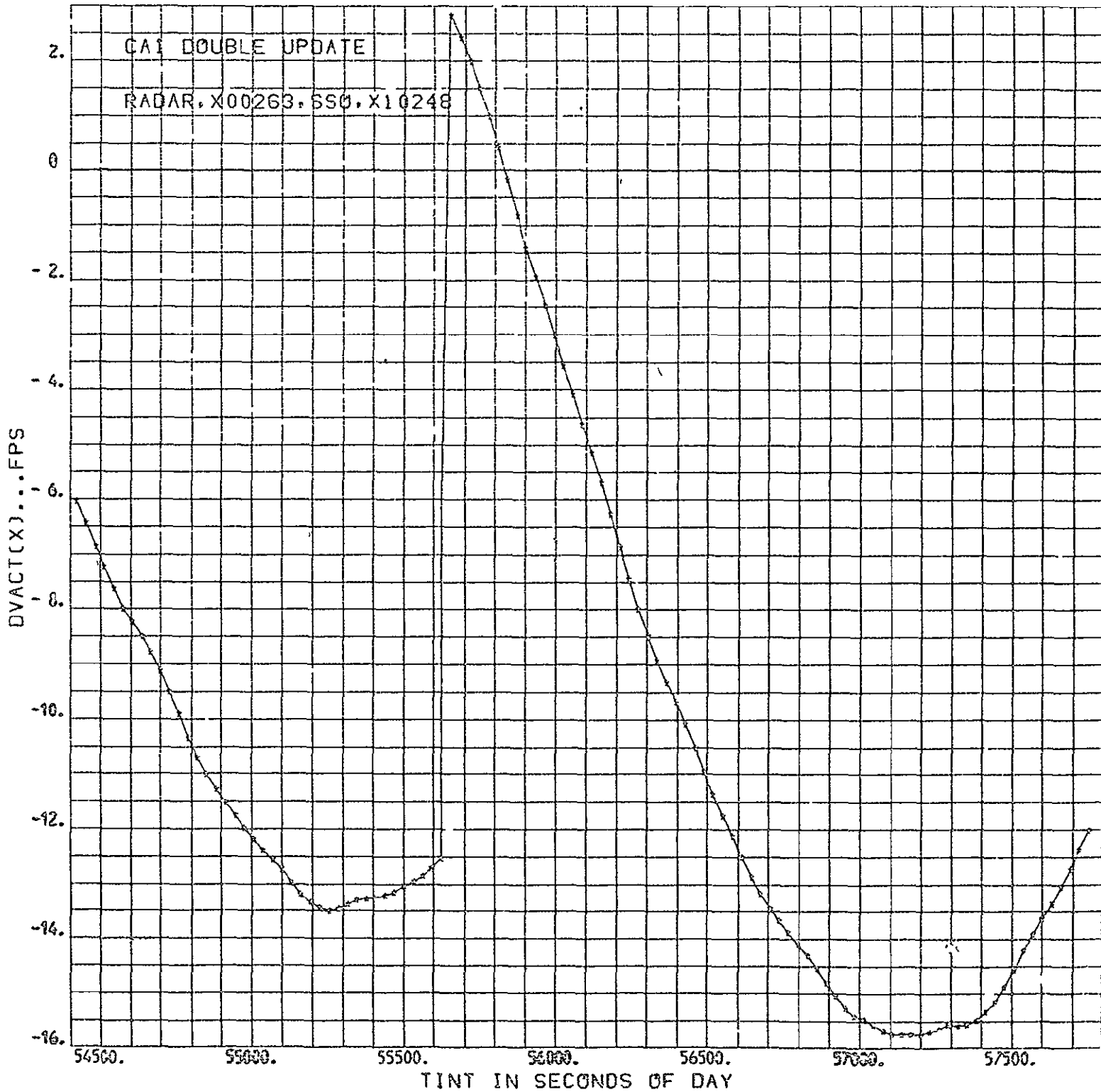
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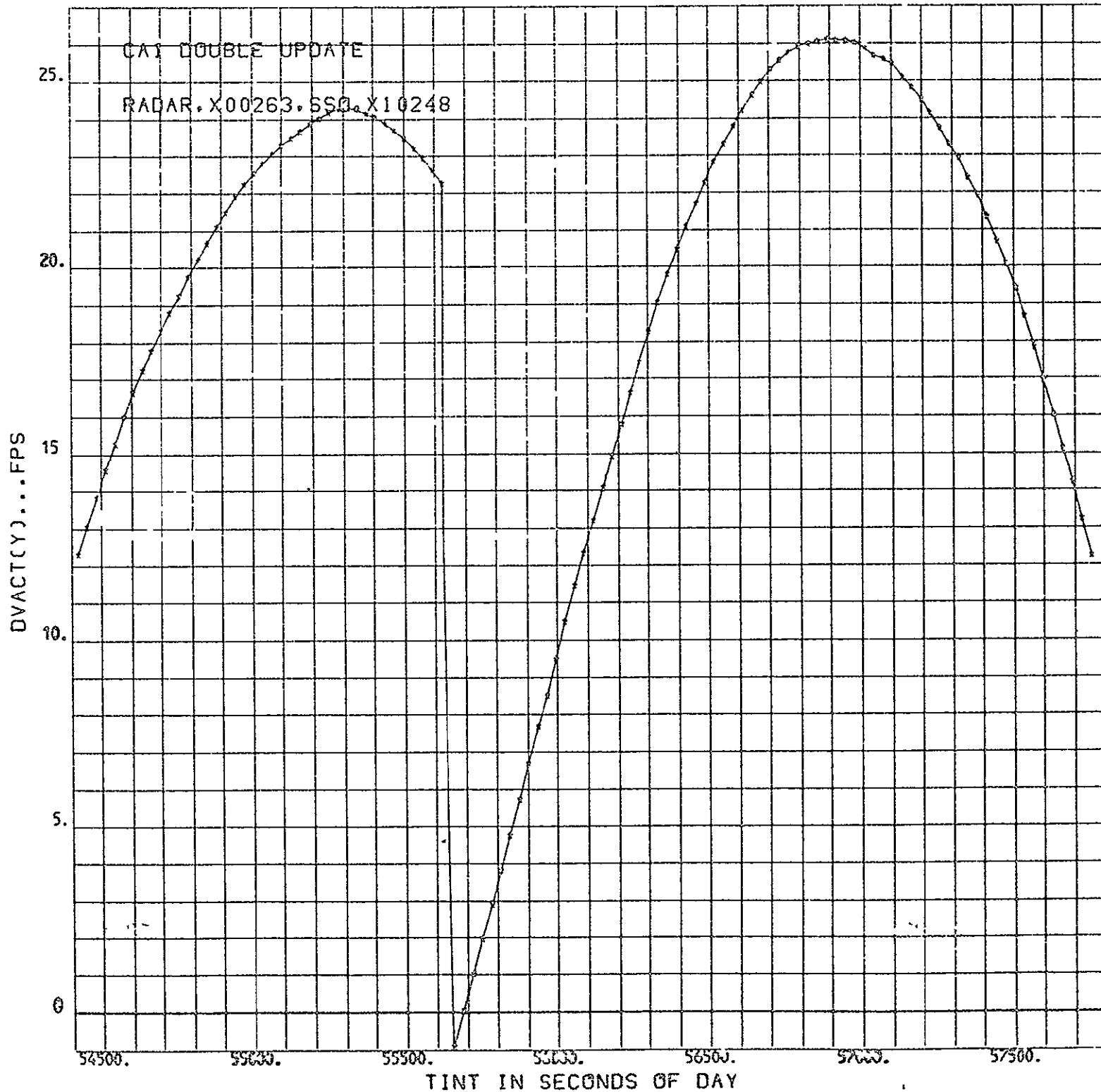
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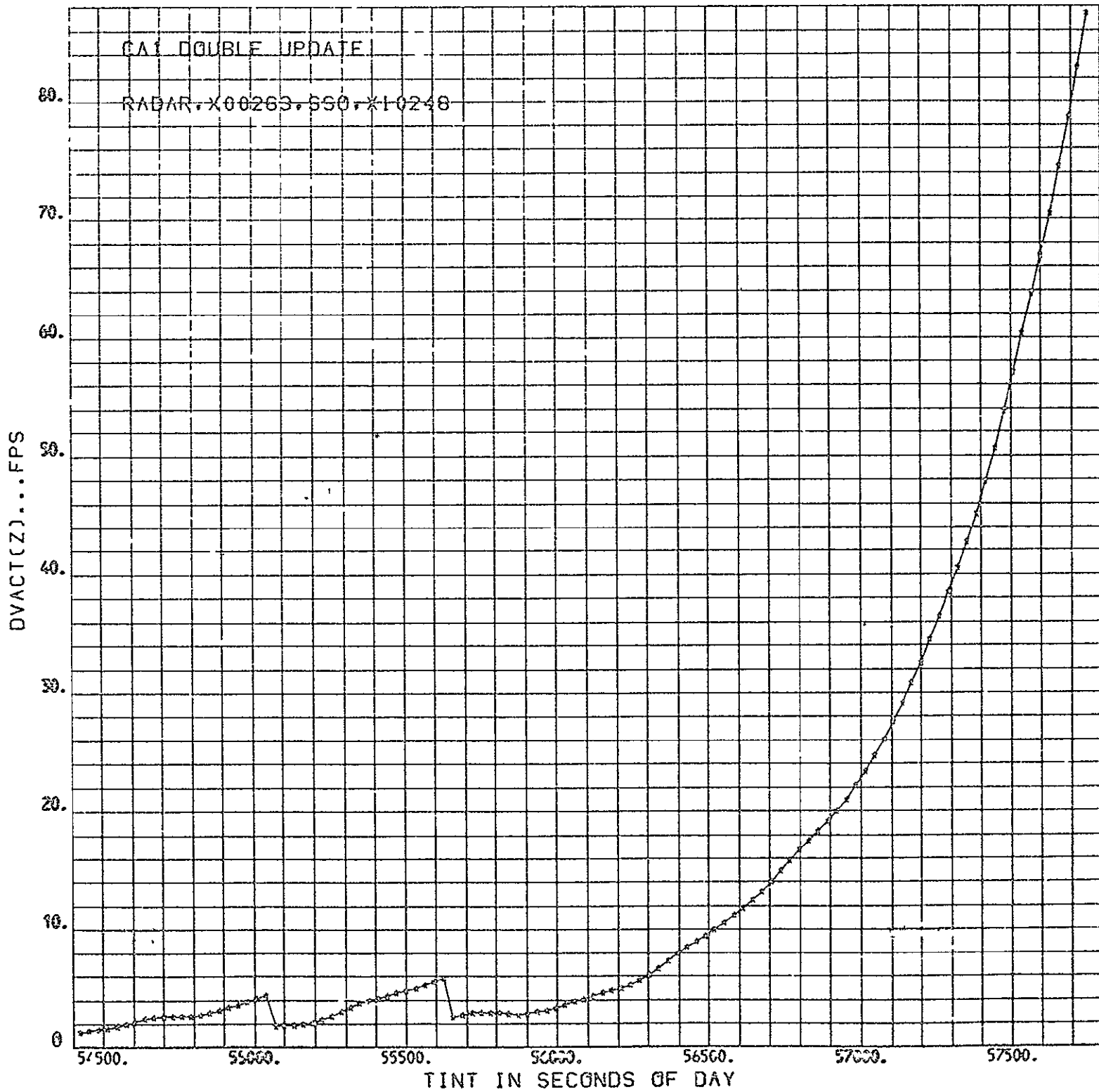
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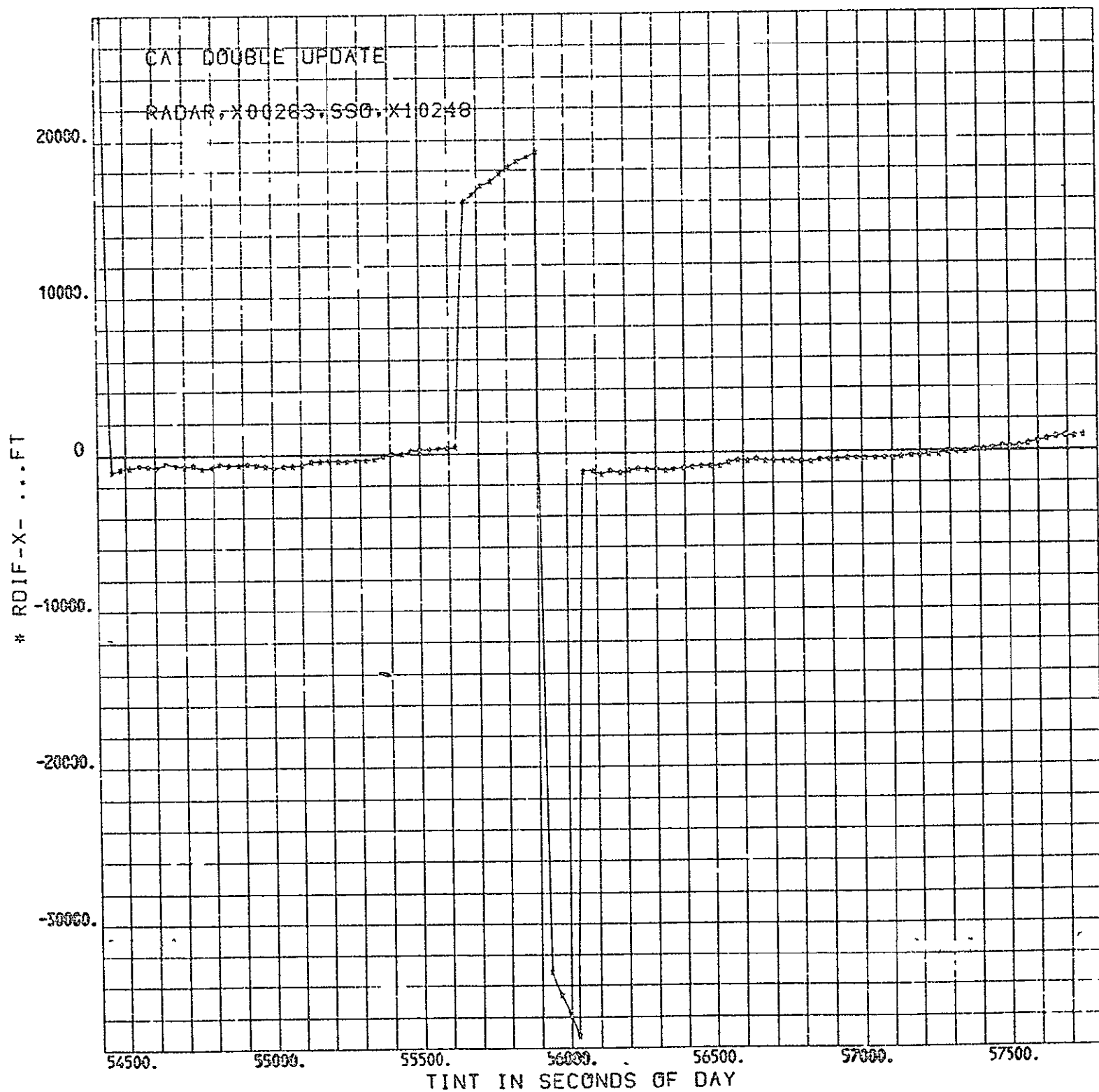
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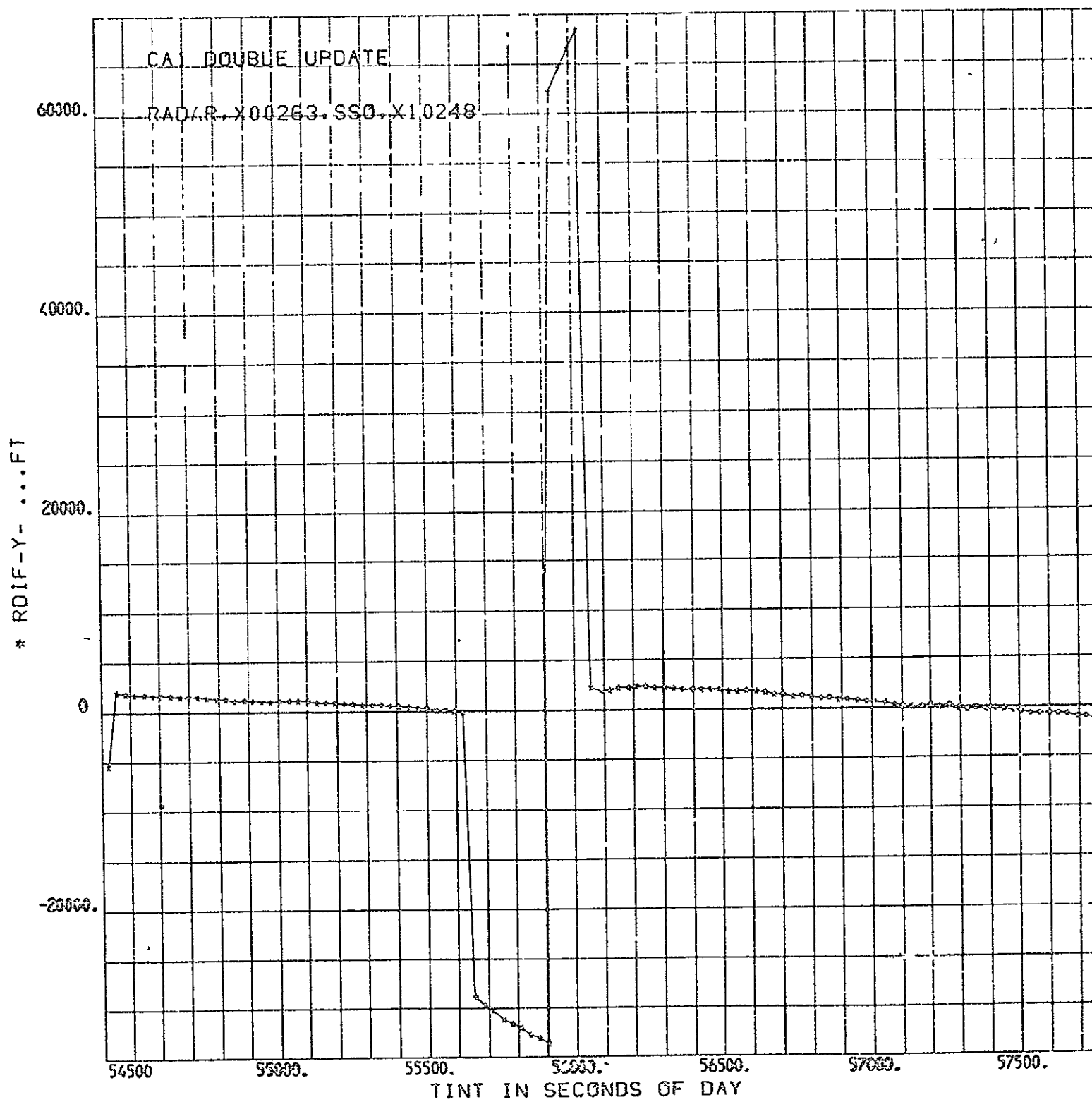
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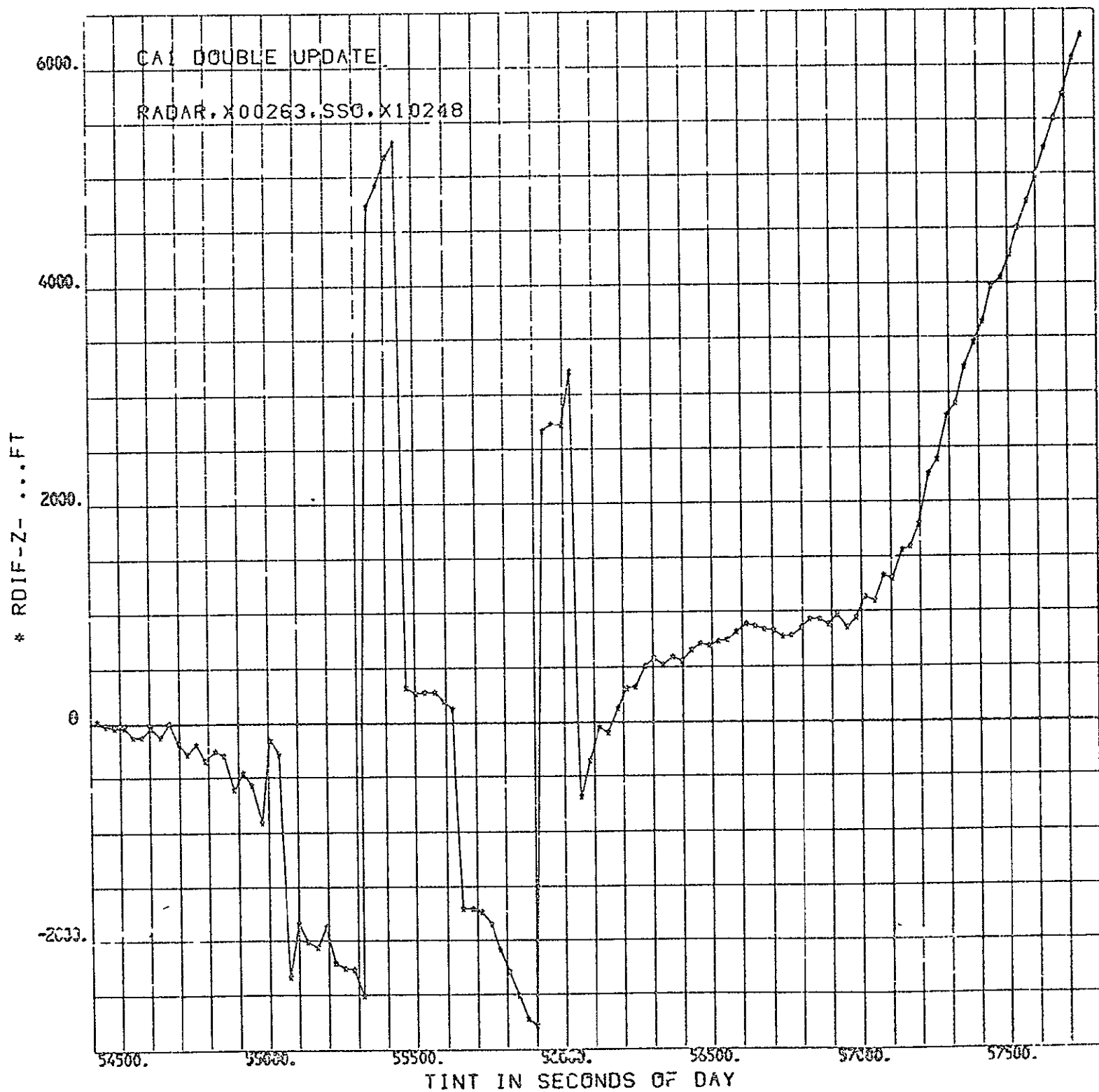
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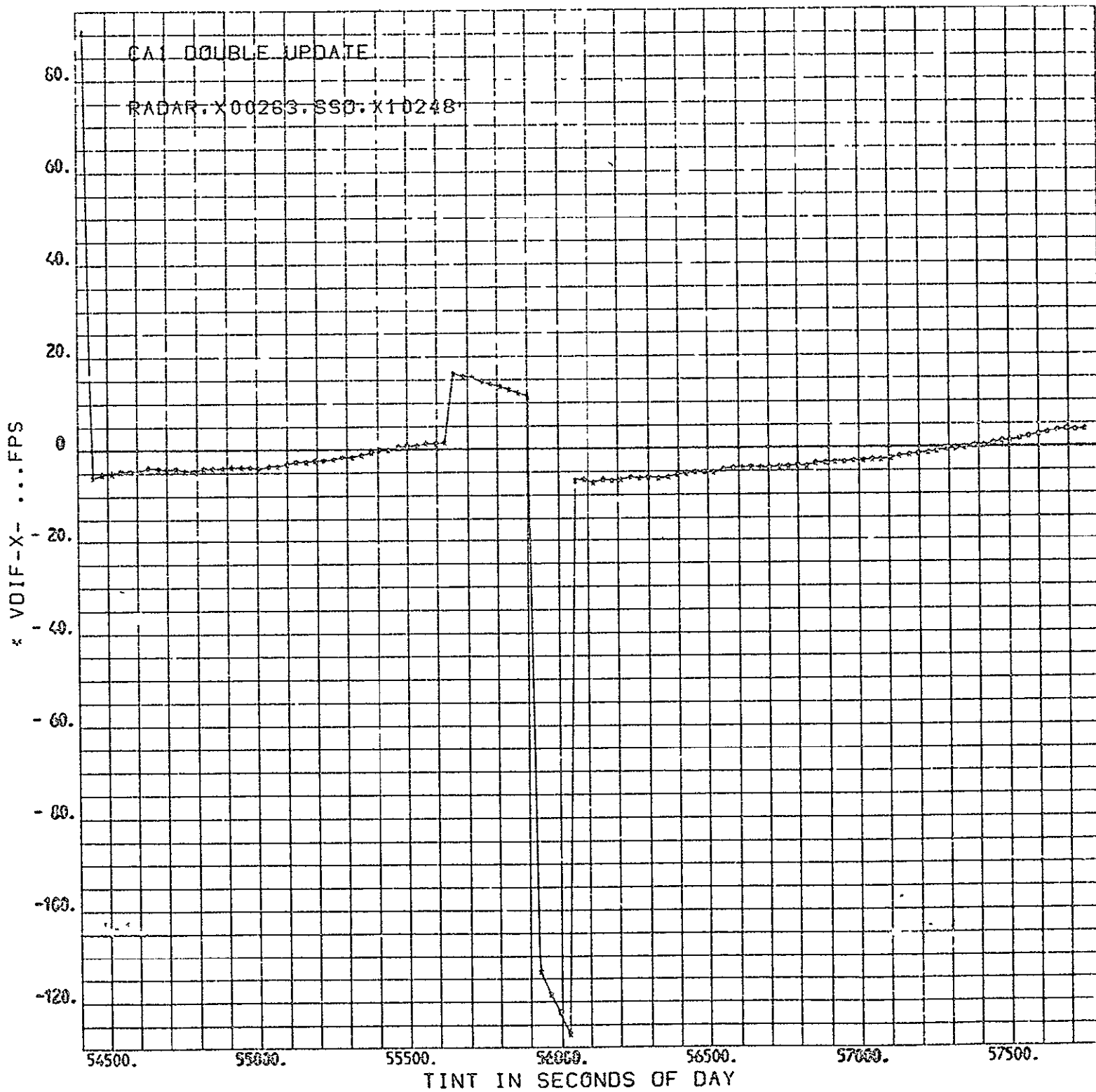
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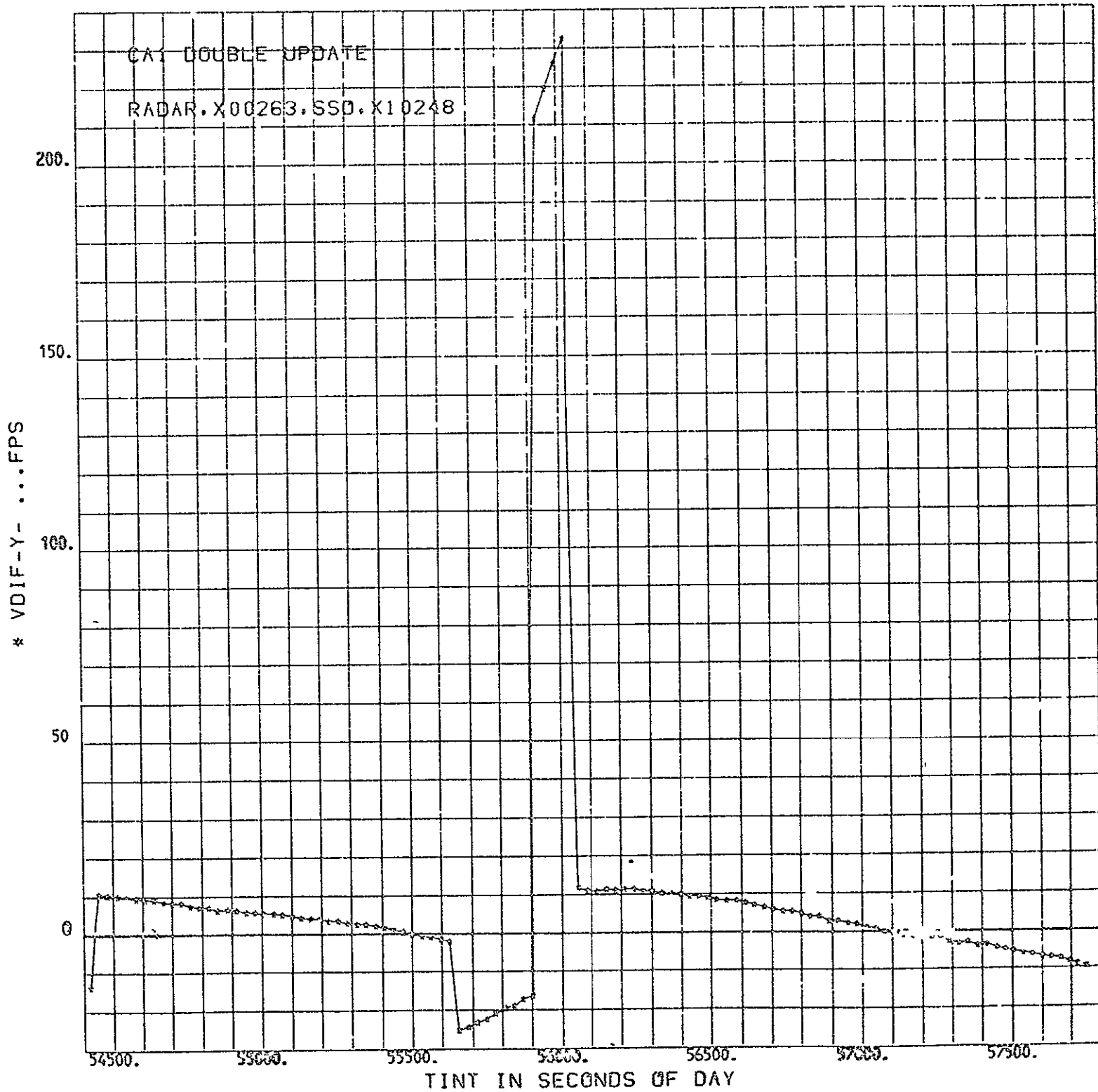
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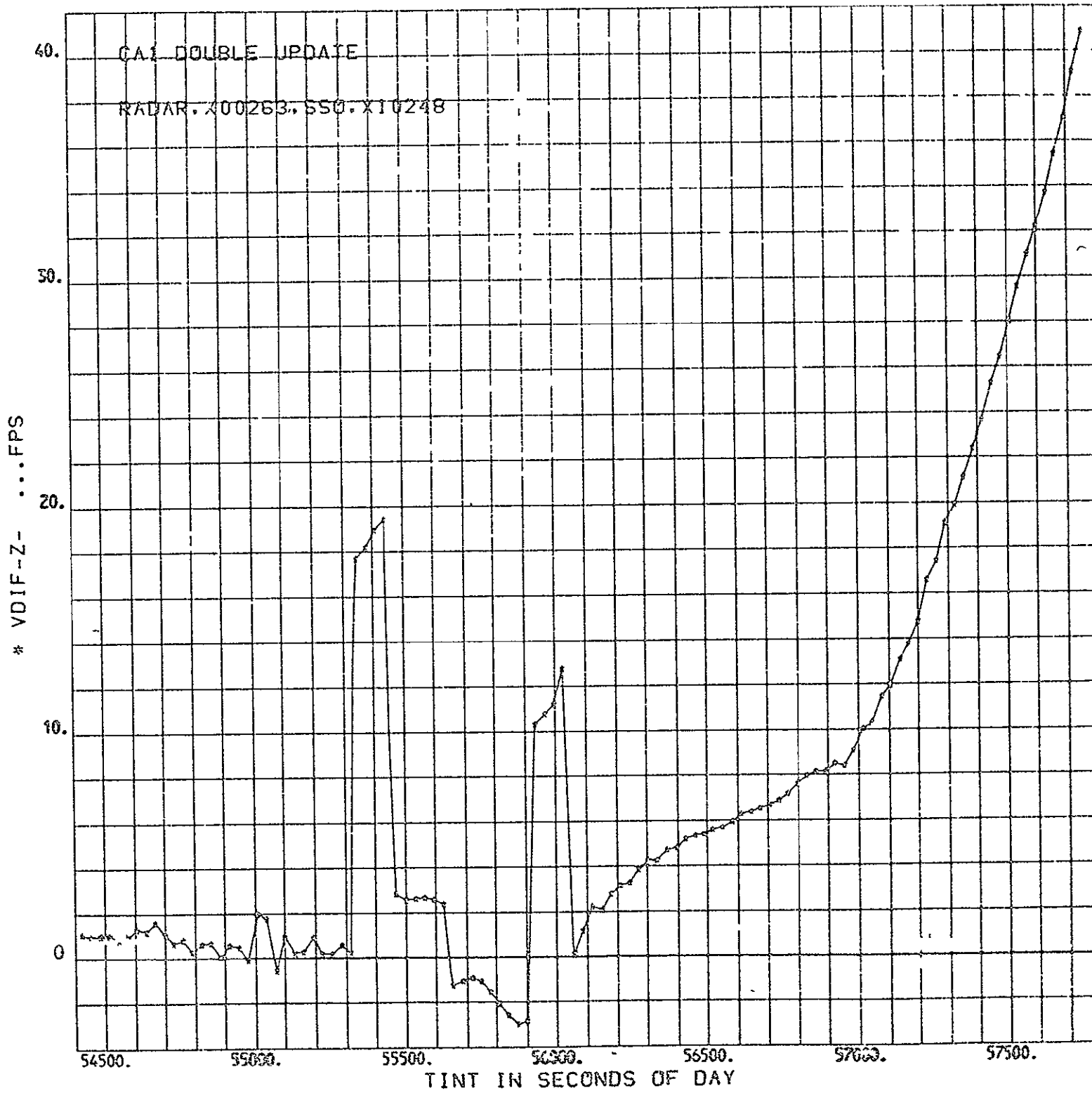
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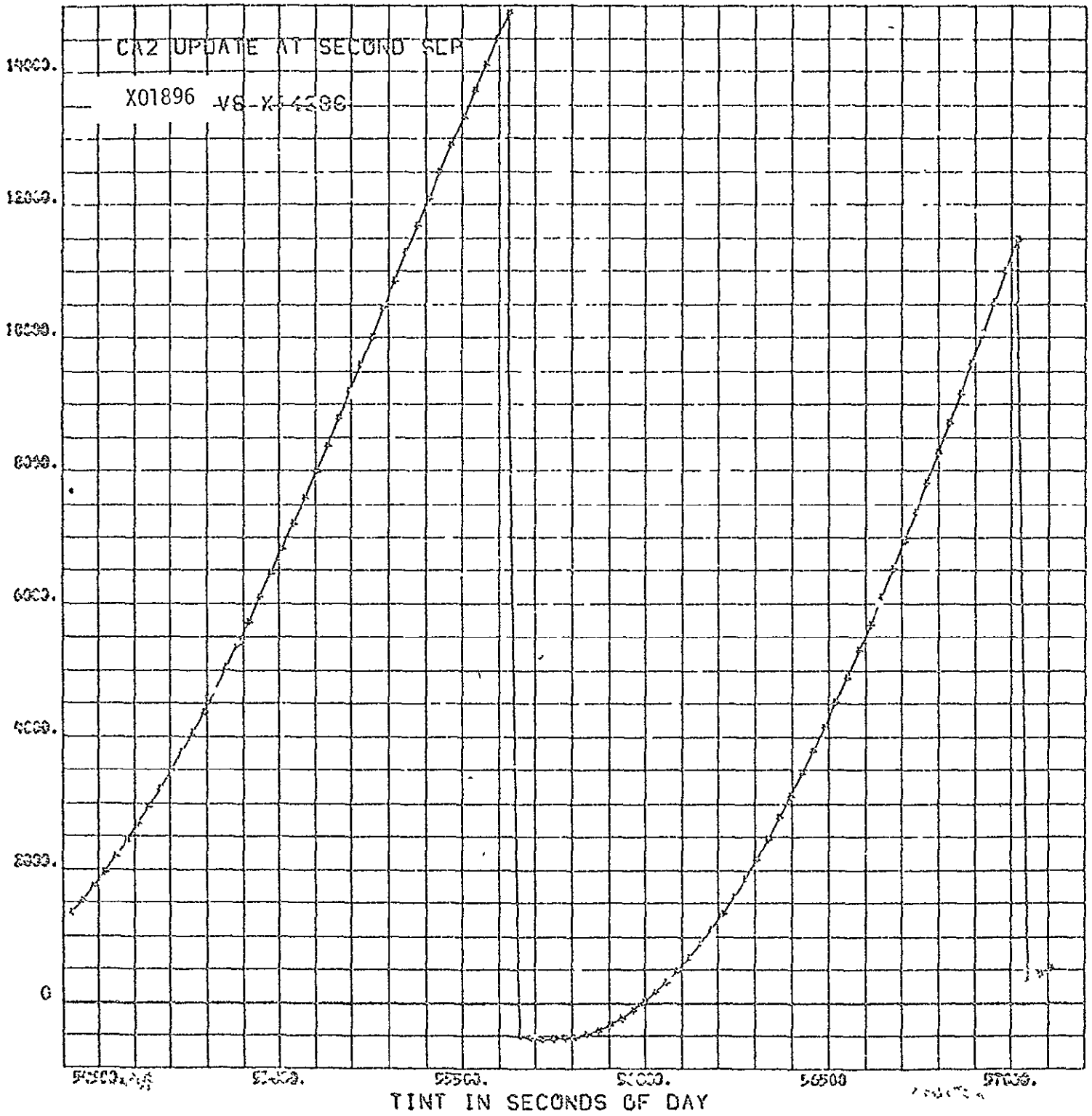
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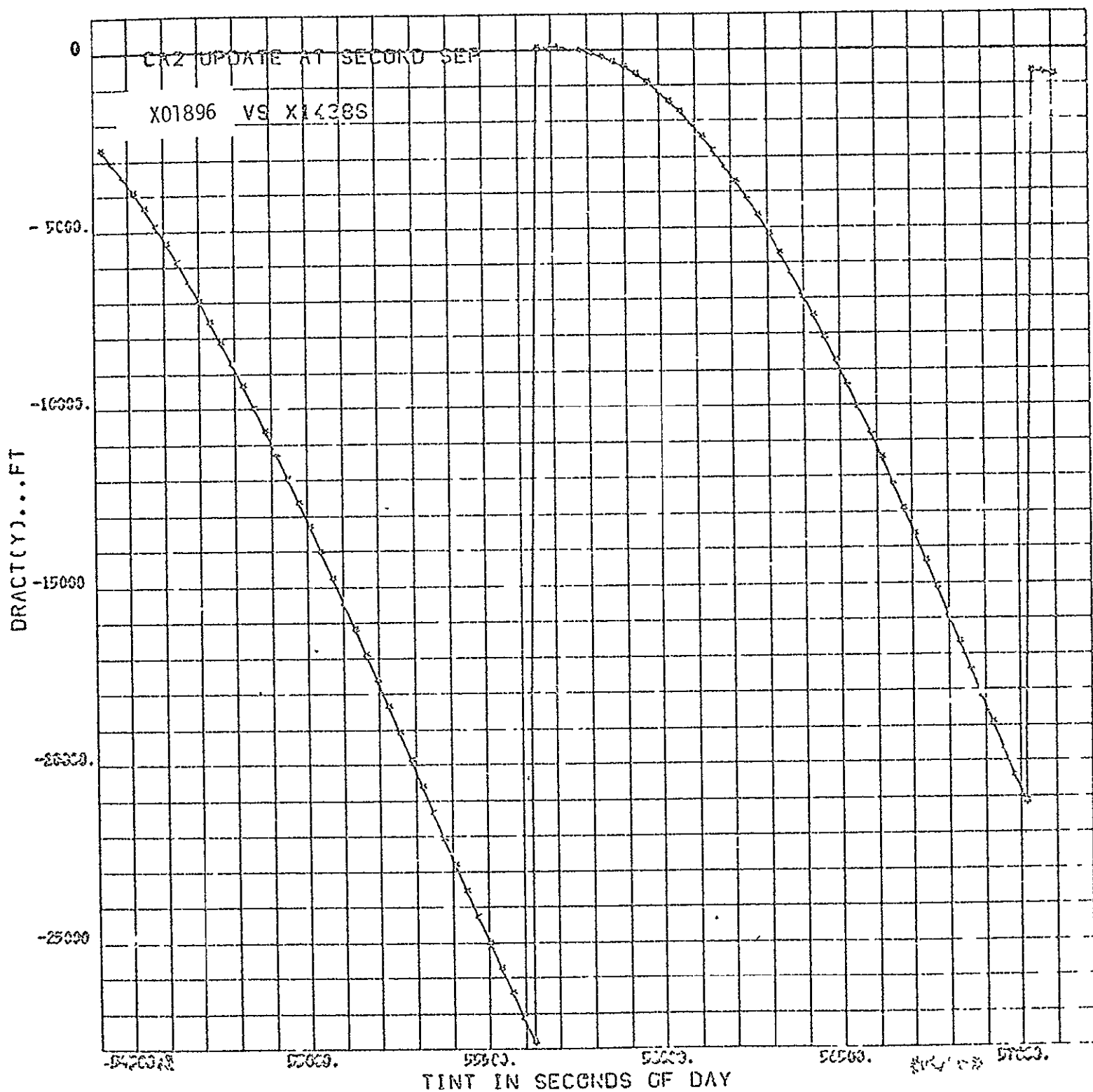
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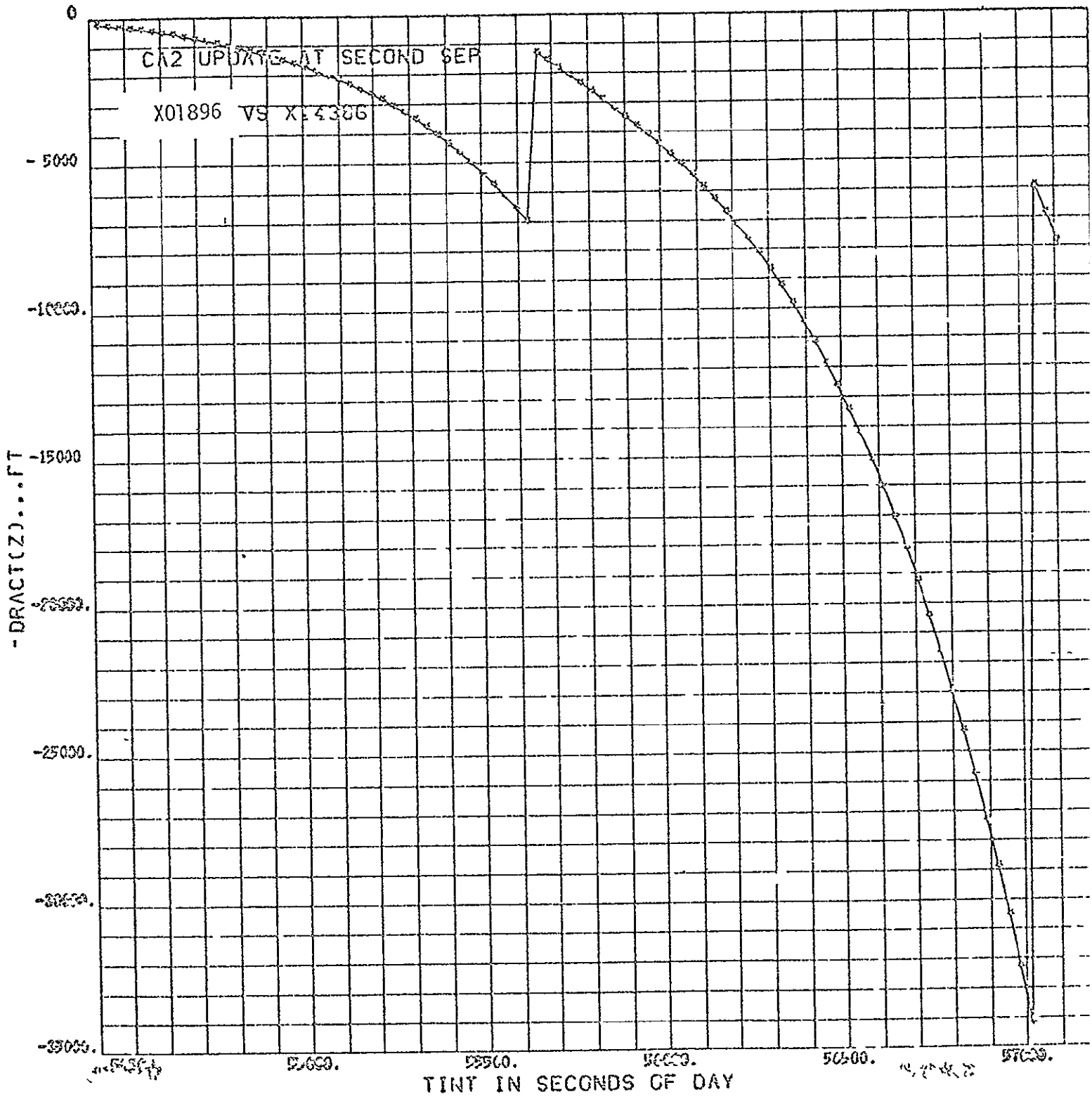
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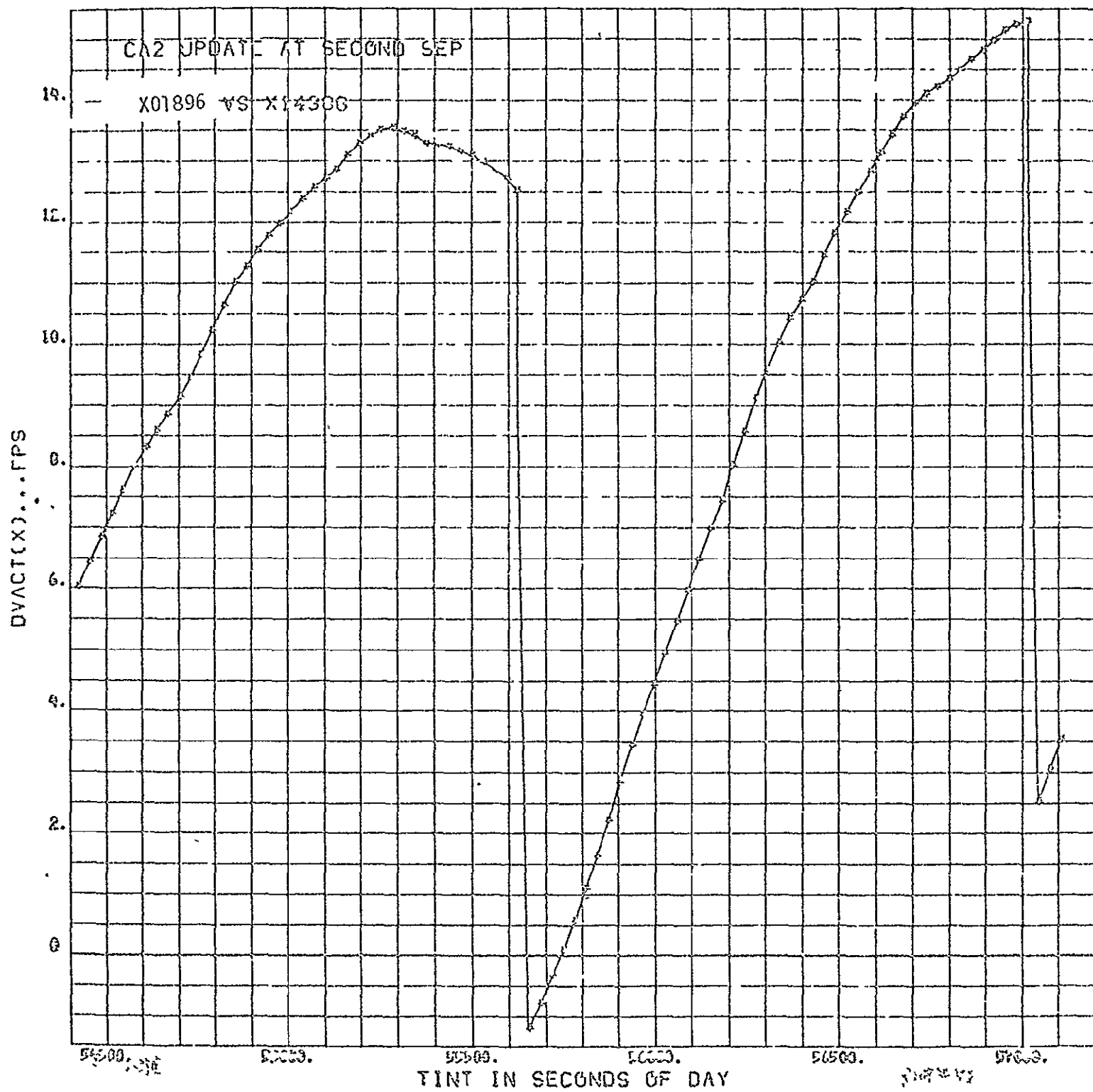
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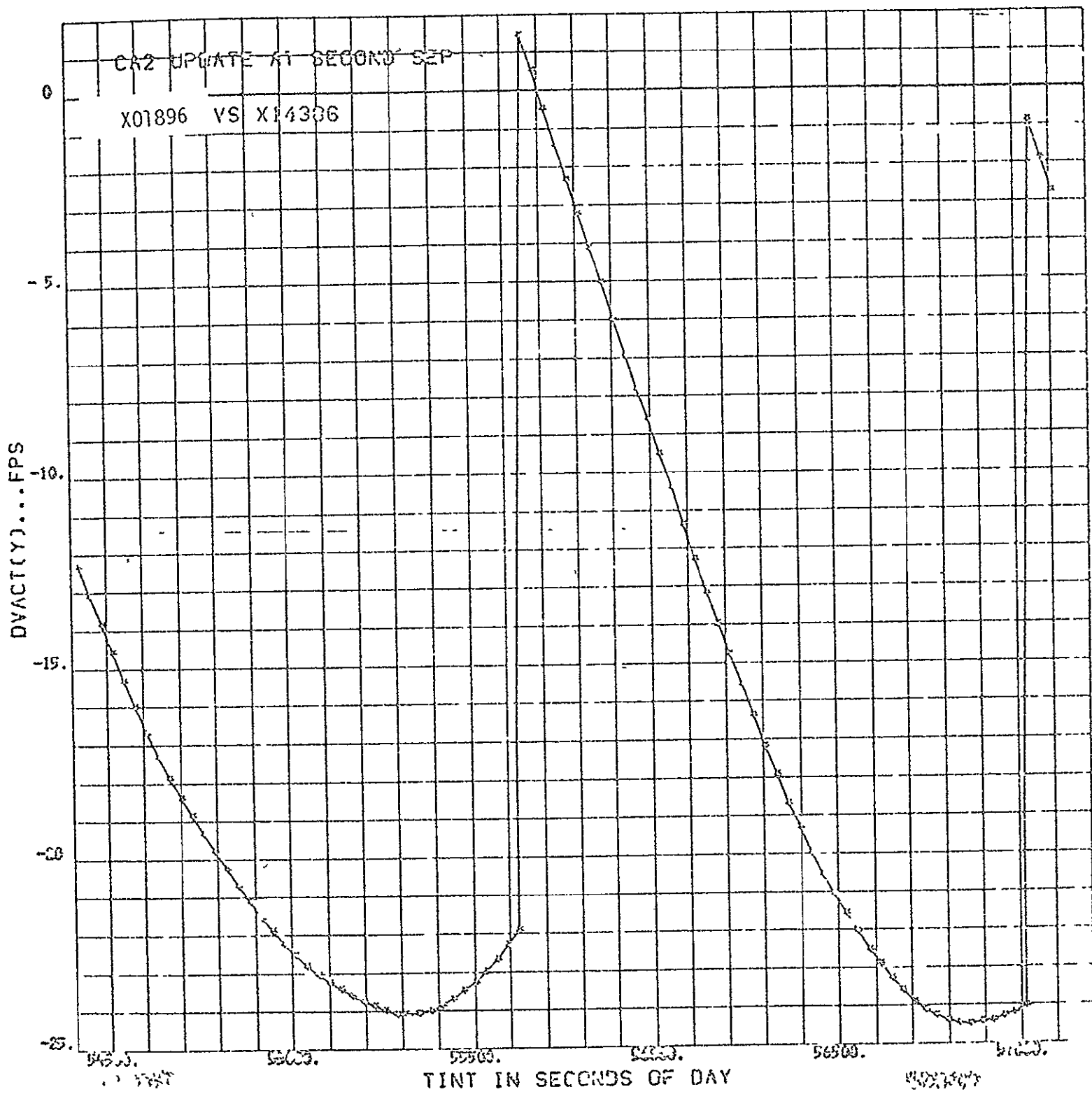
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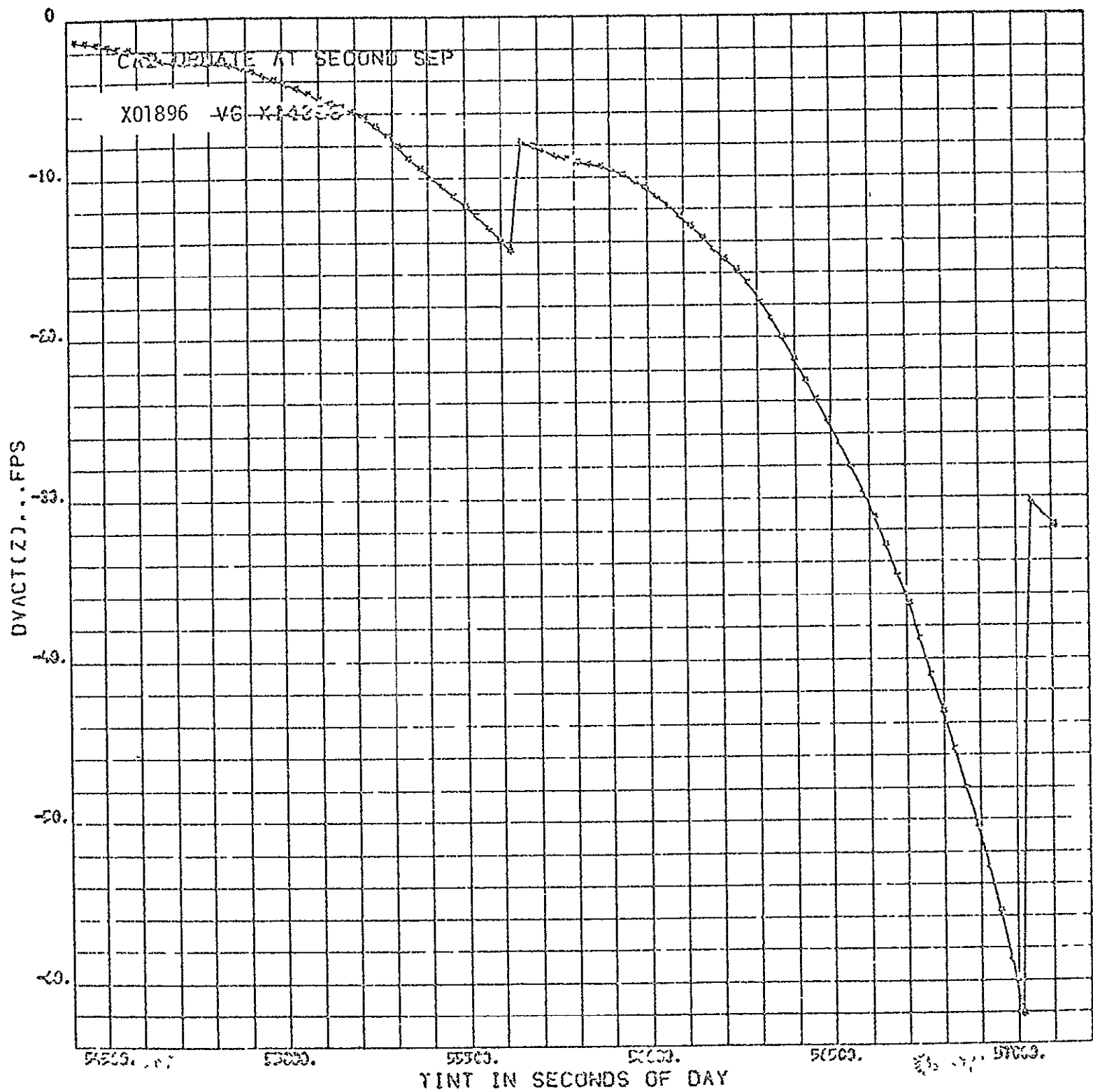
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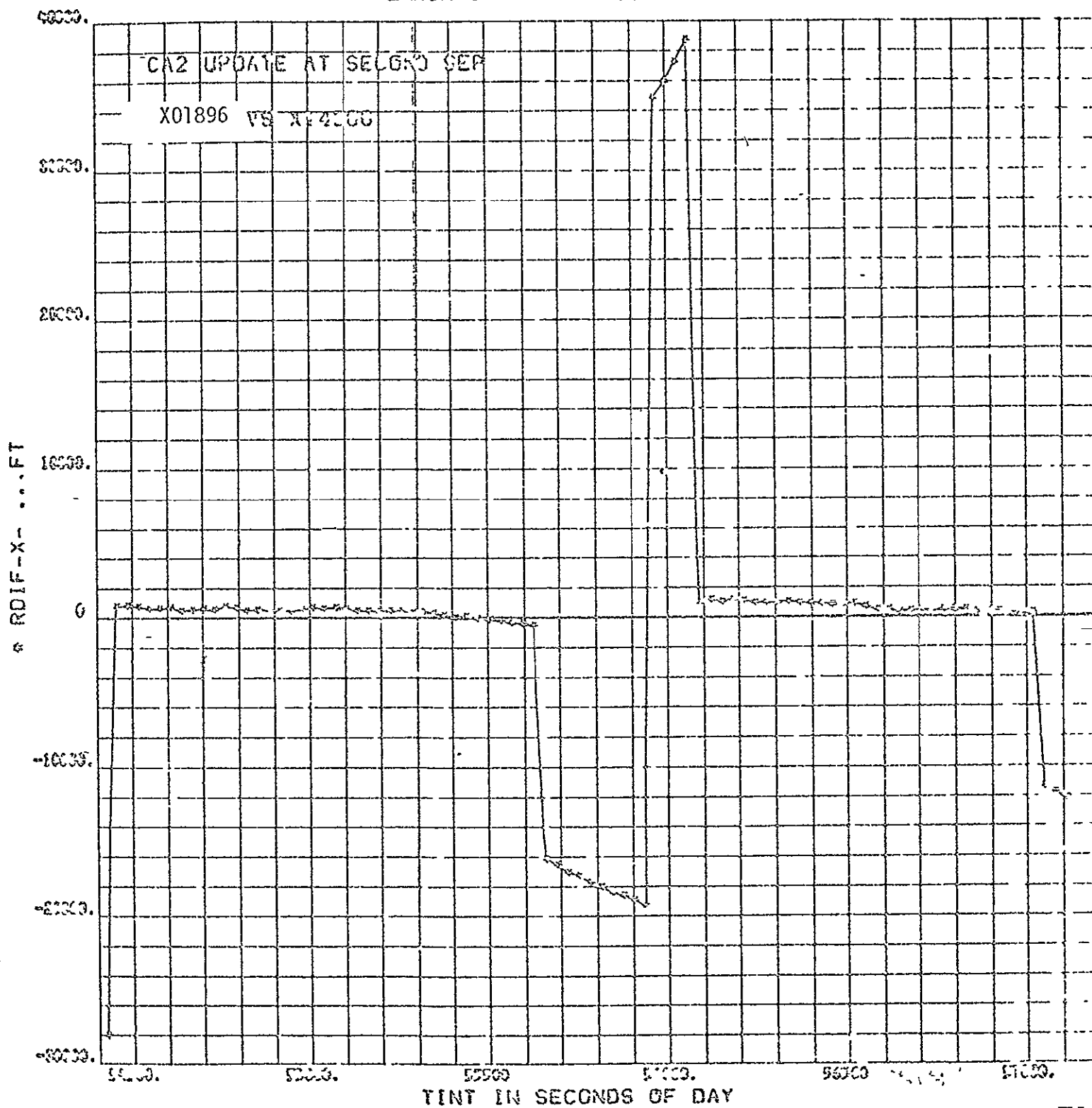
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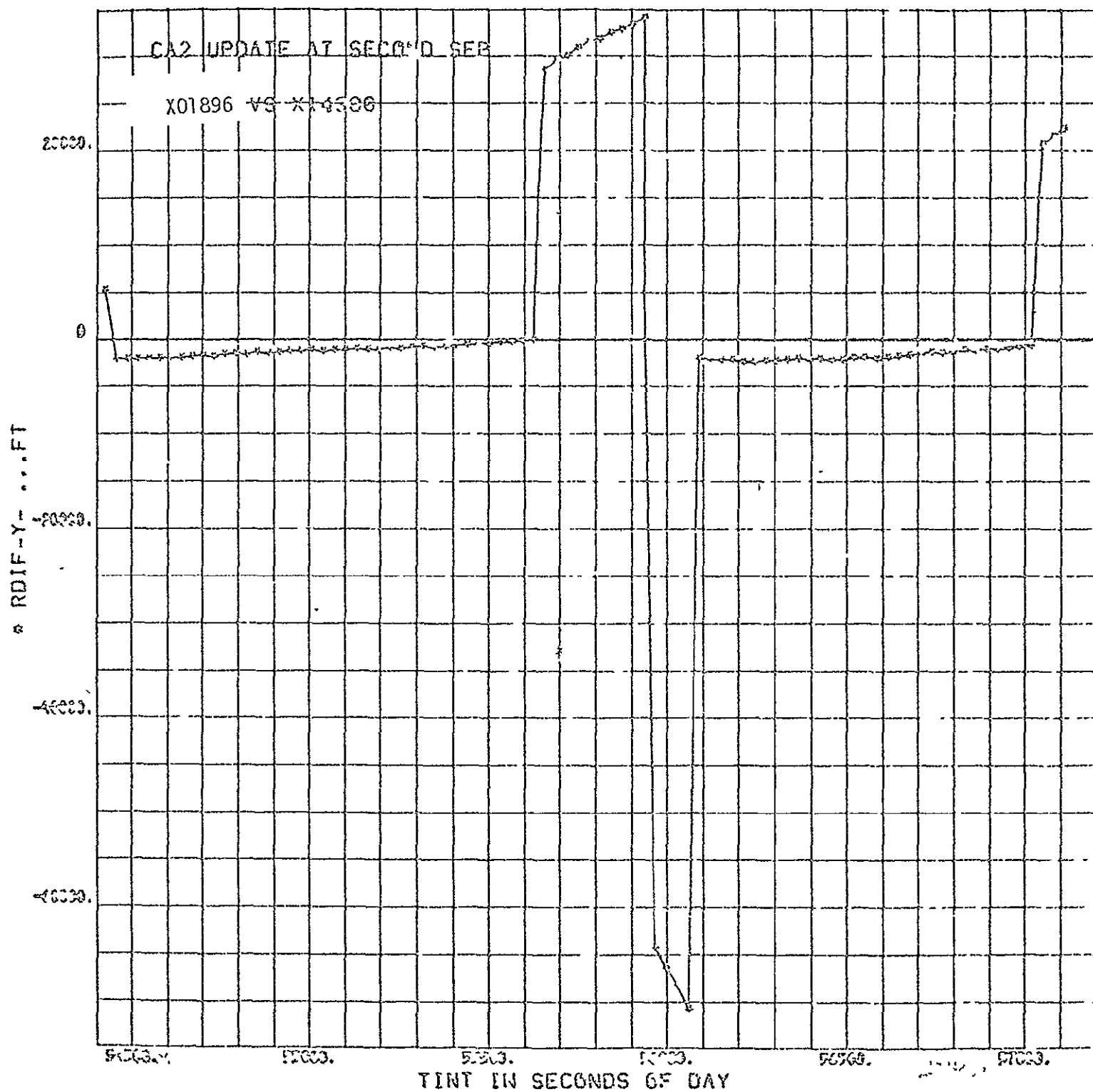
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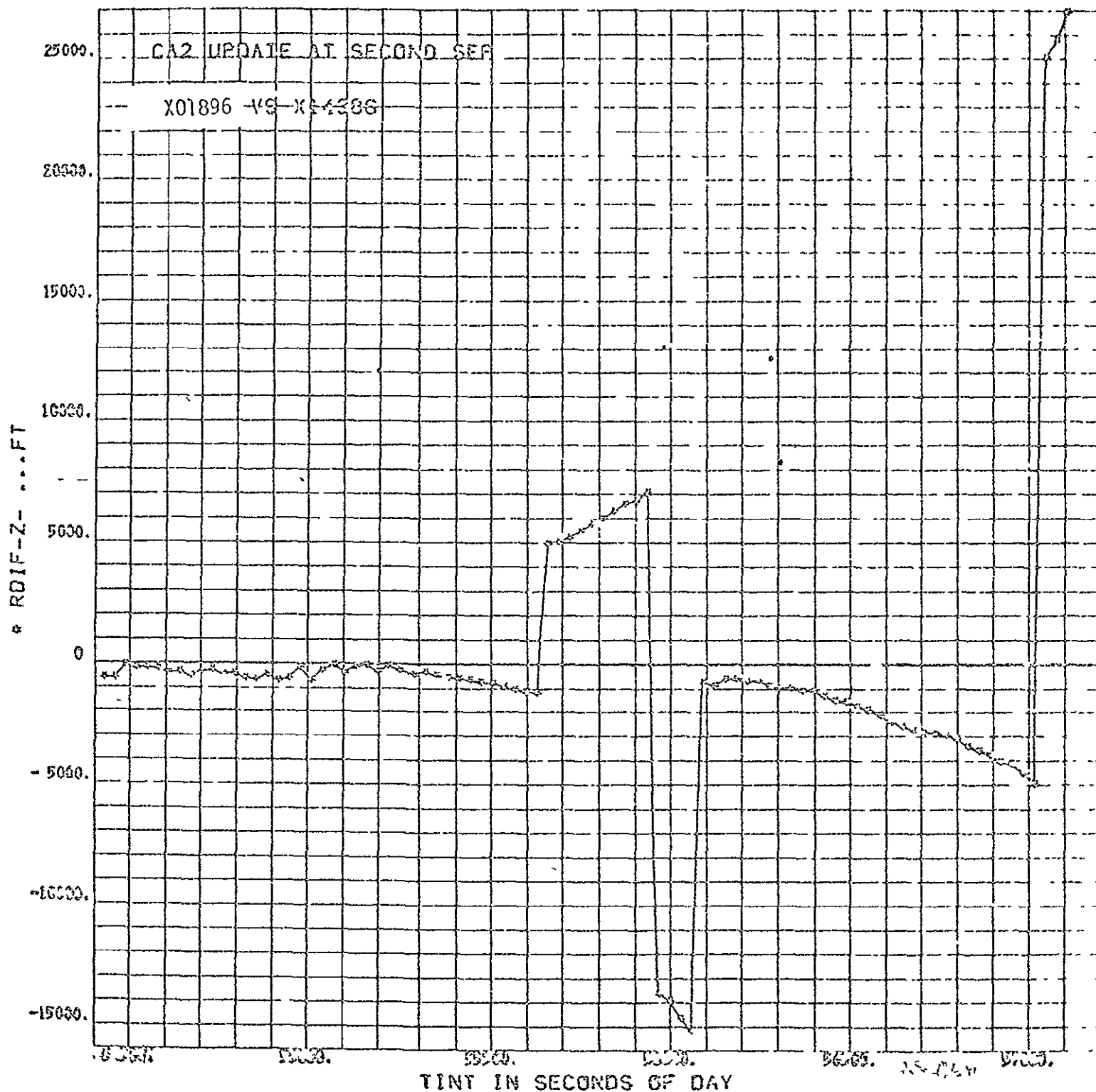
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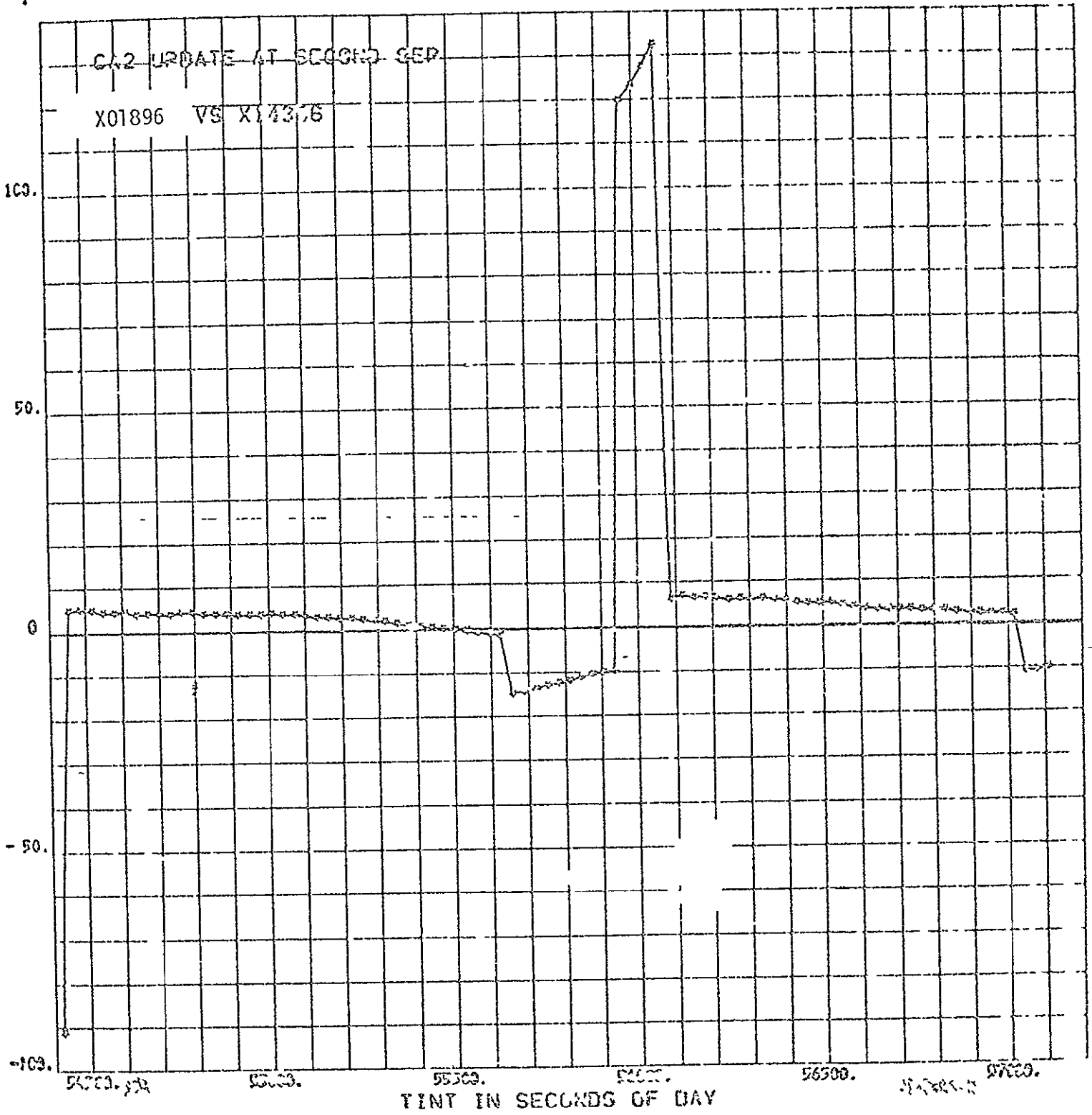


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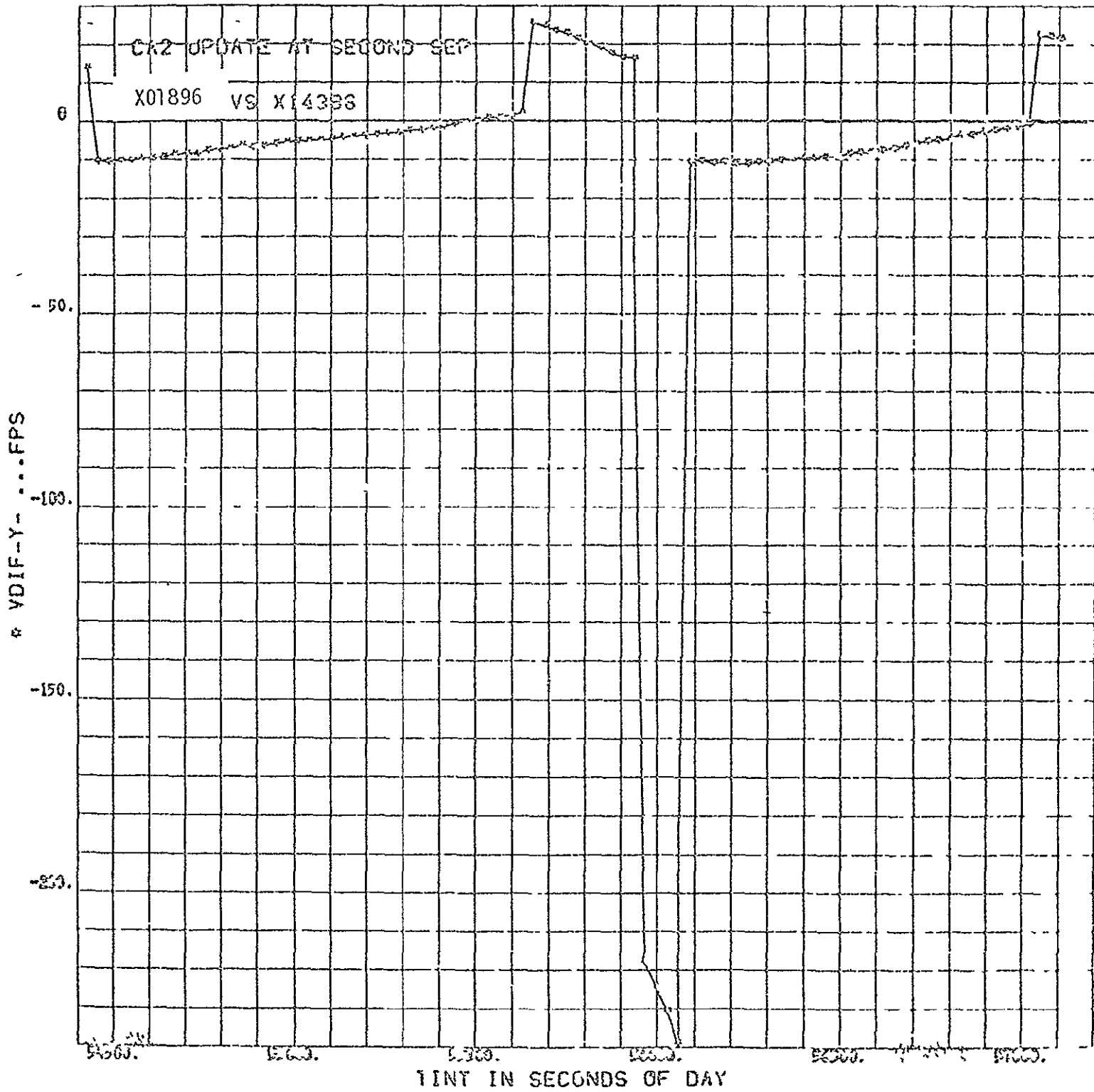
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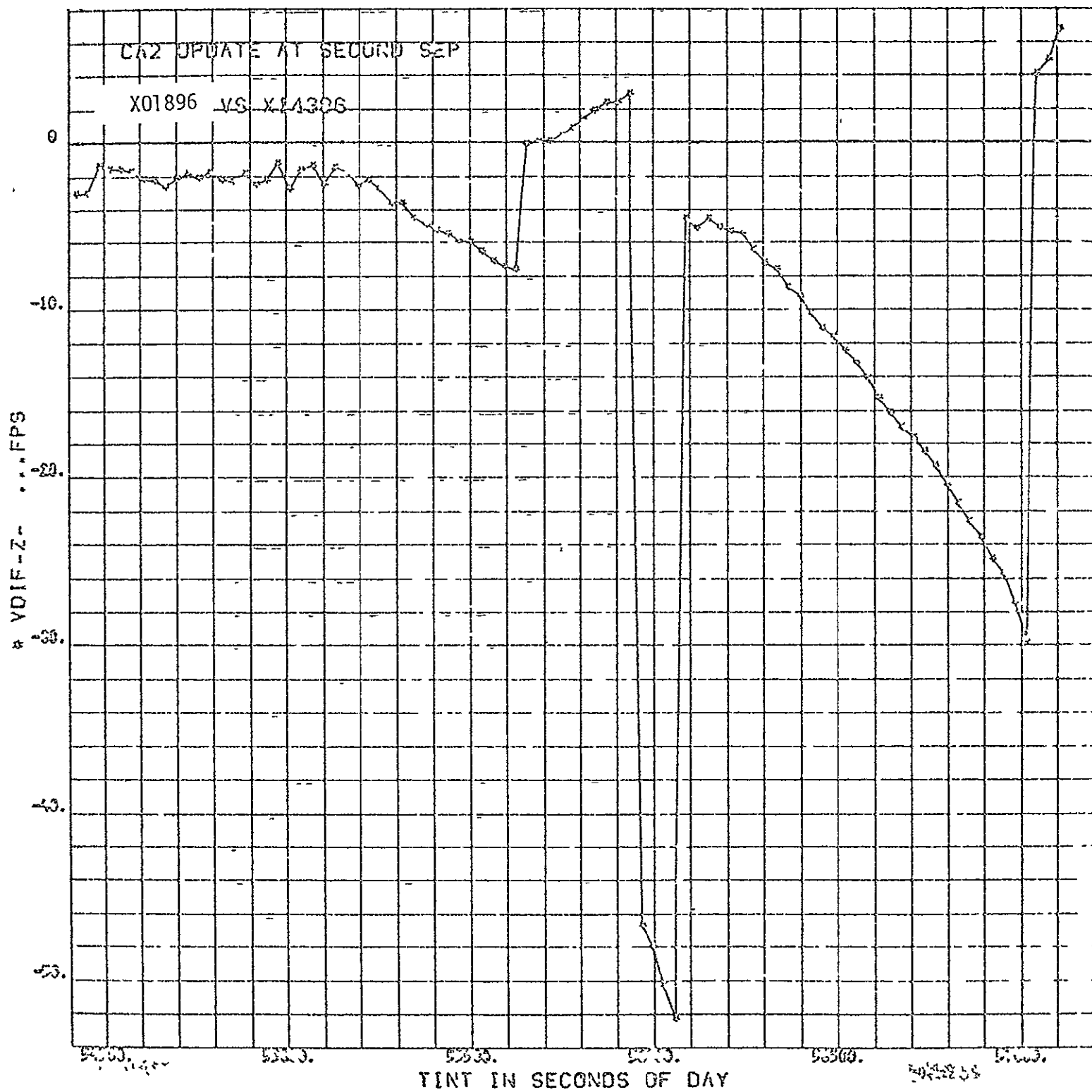
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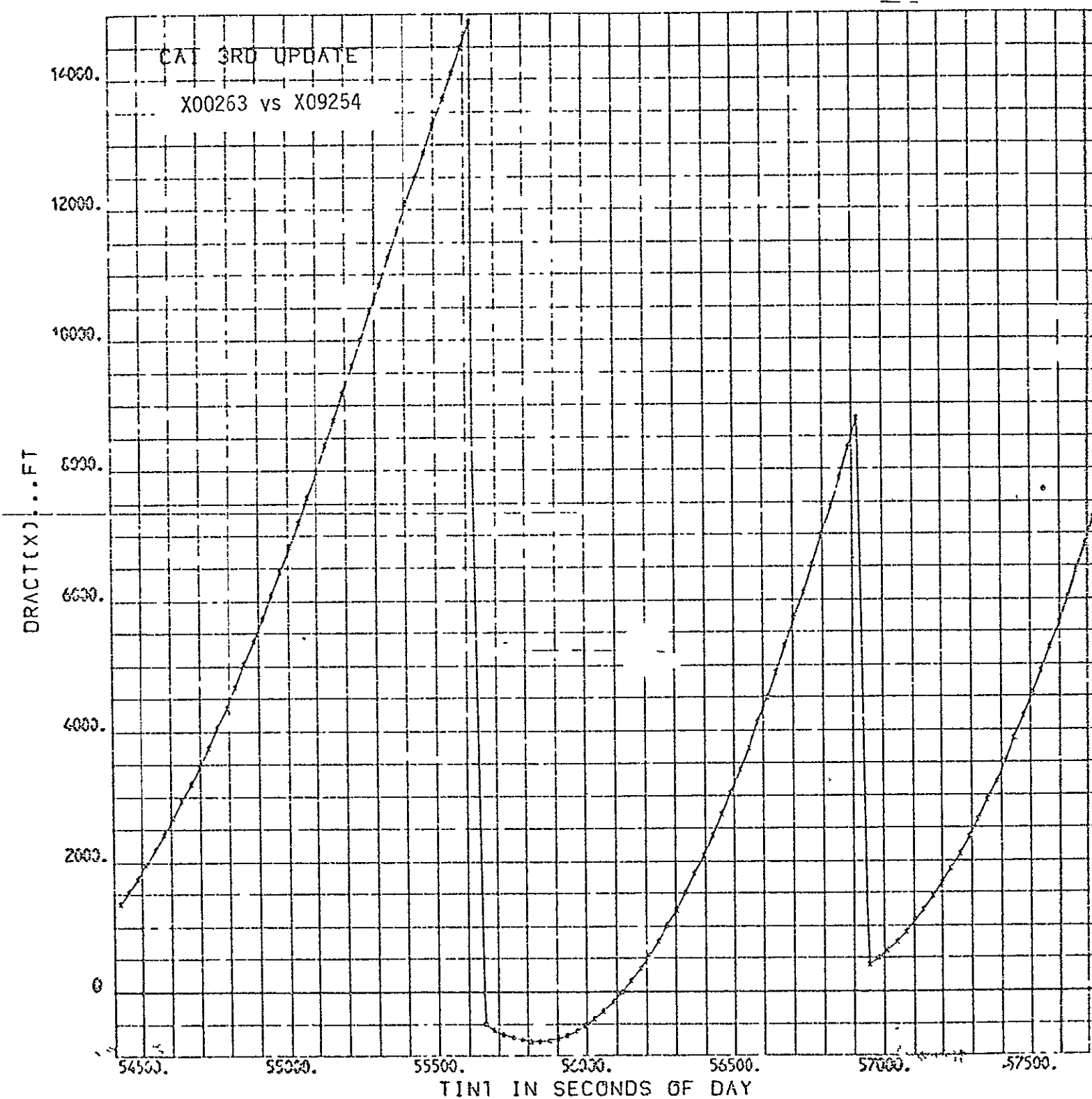
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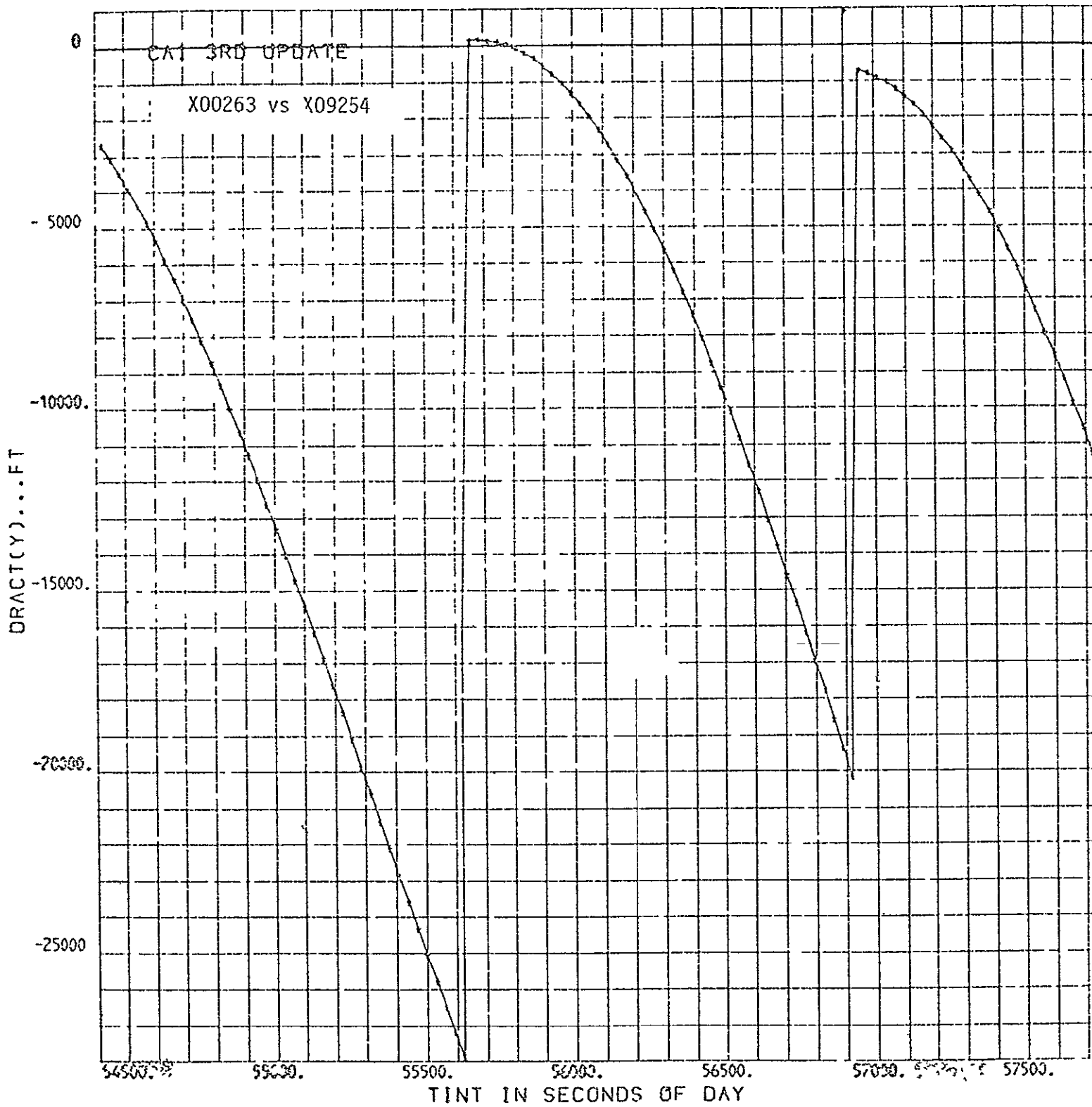
APPENDIX 6

The following plots represent the case in which the onboard state was updated in the vertical components only at the first practice separation minus fifteen minutes, at the first practice separation minus five minutes in all components, and at the second practice separation minus two minutes in all components. Errors in the onboard state and errors in the computed updates are plotted as a function of time.

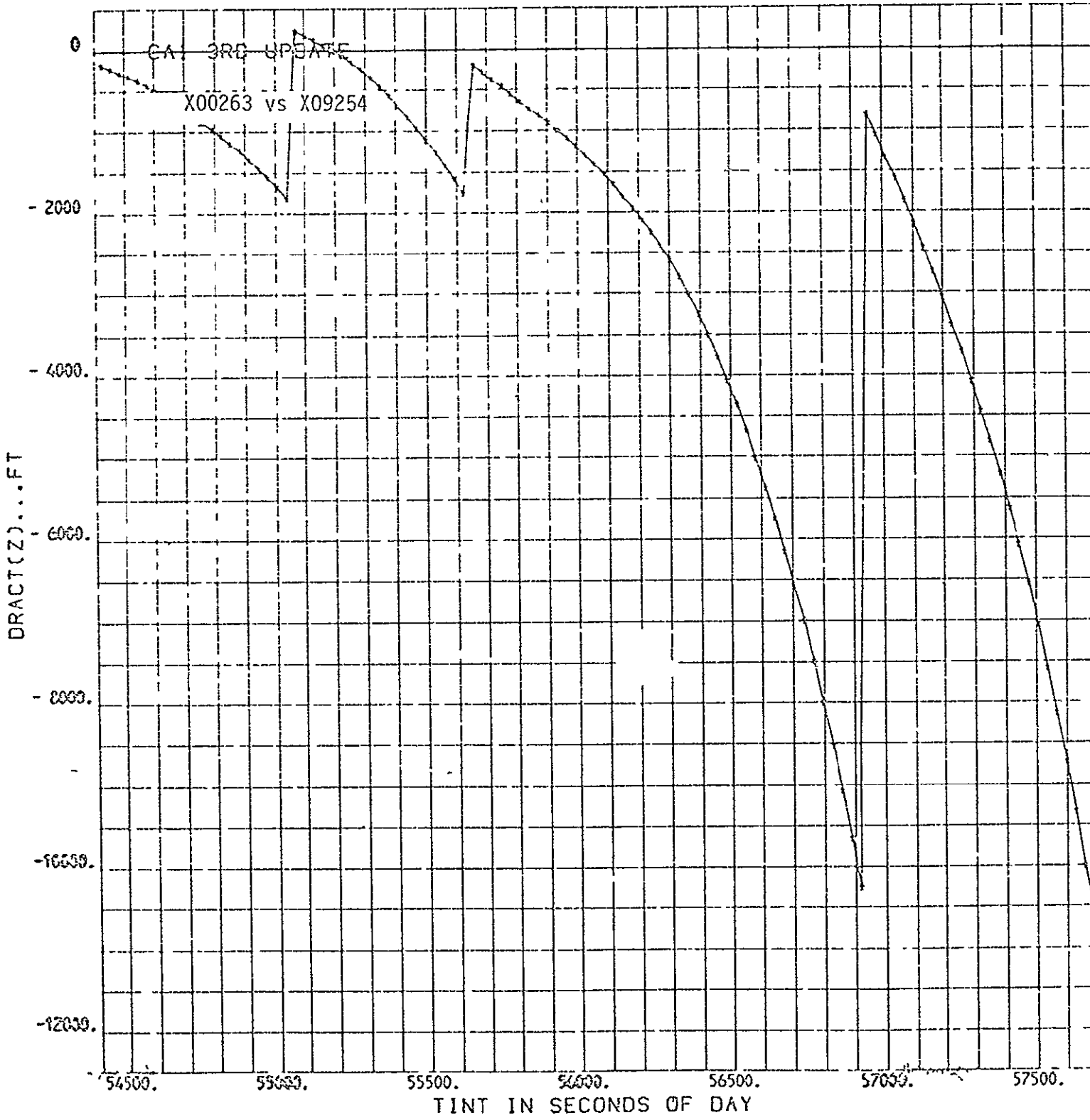
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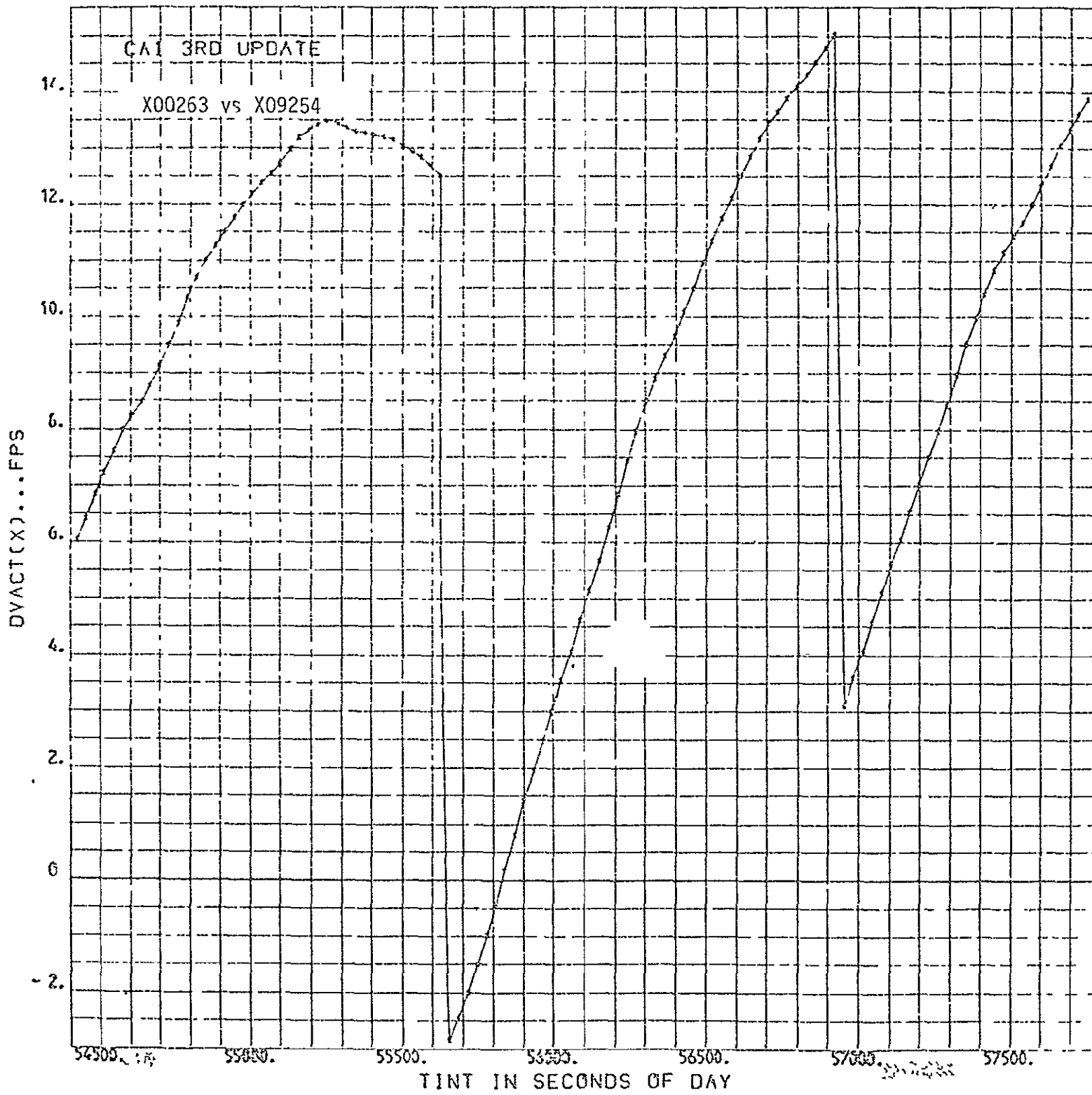
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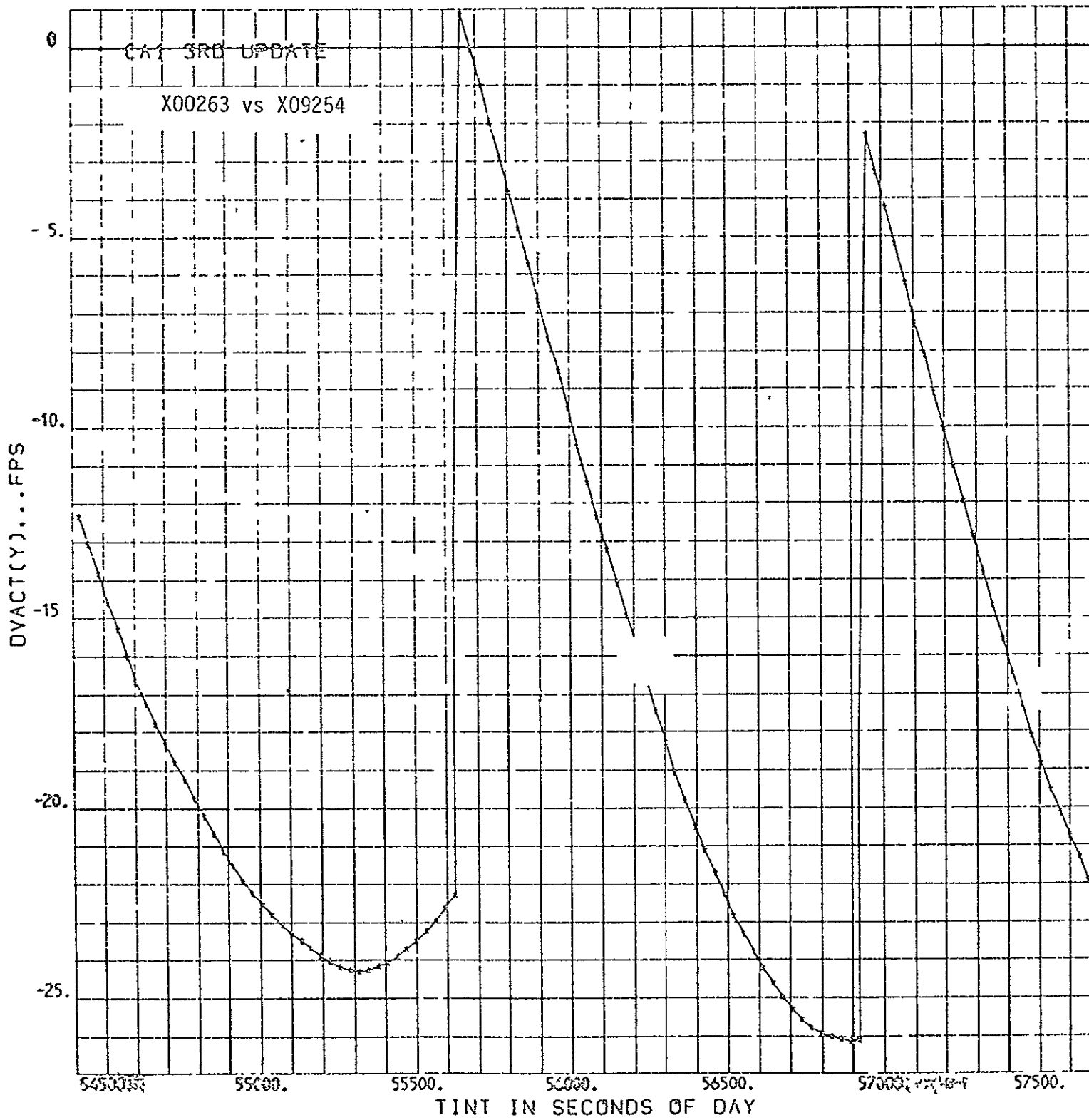
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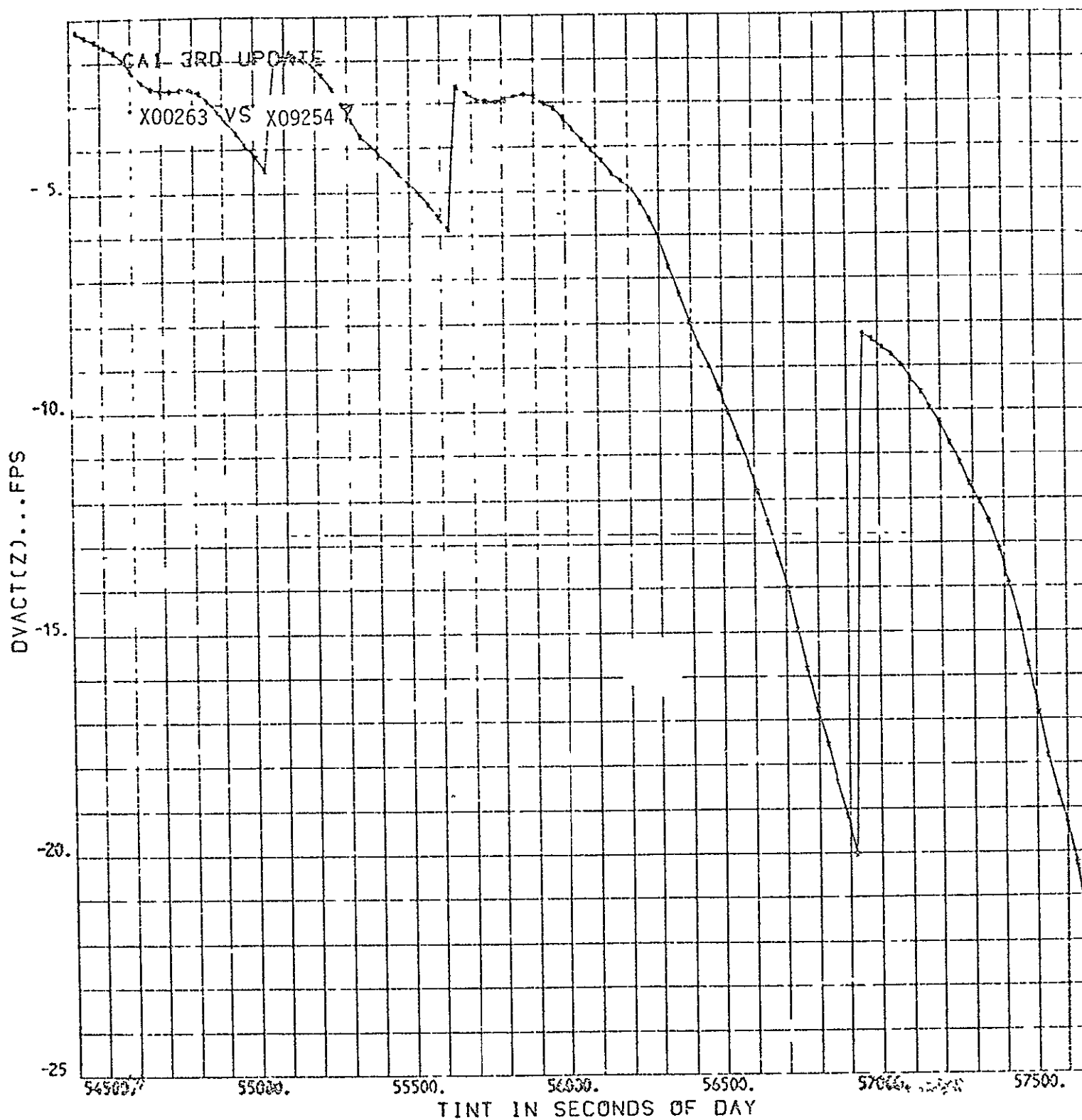
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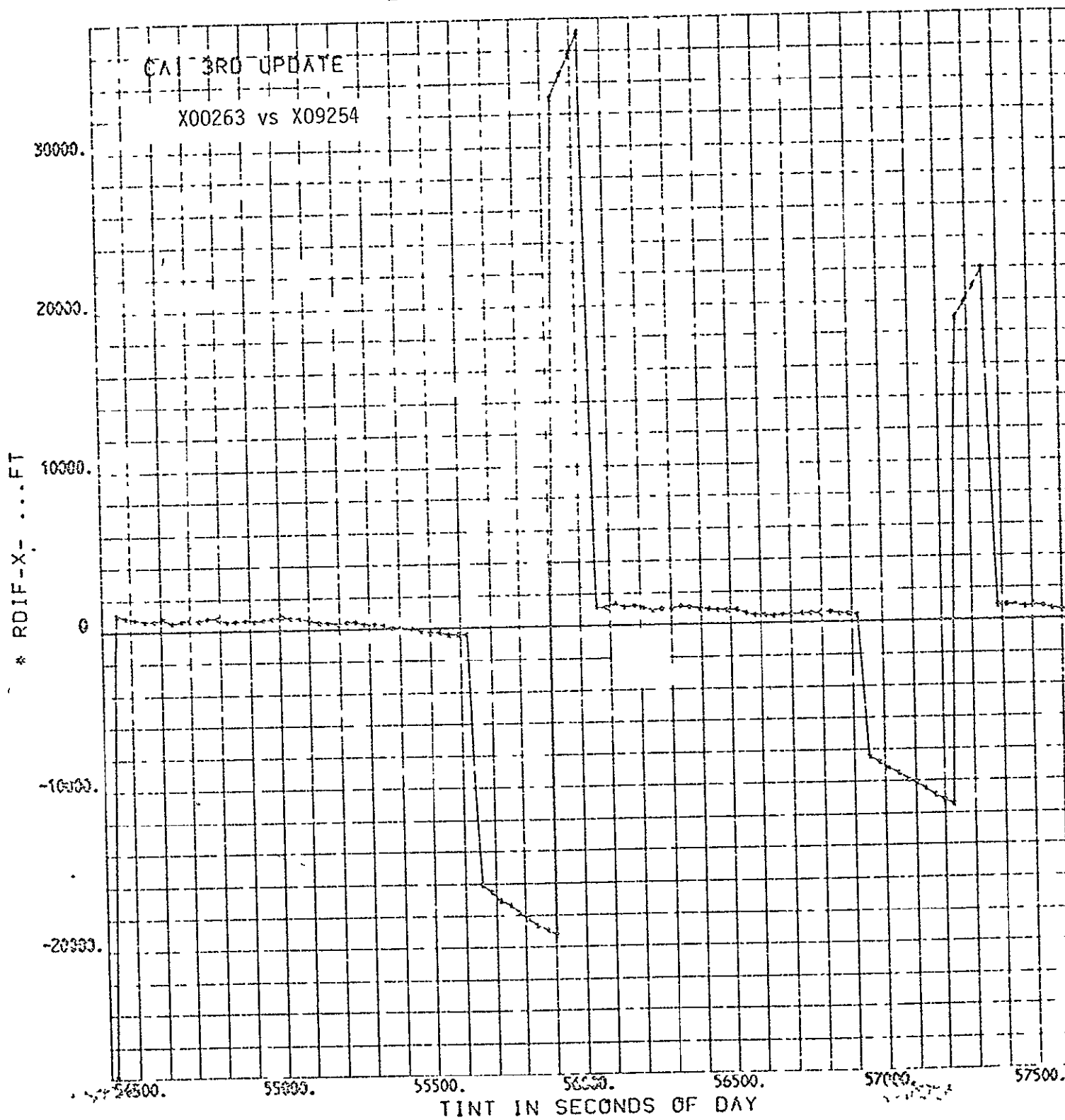
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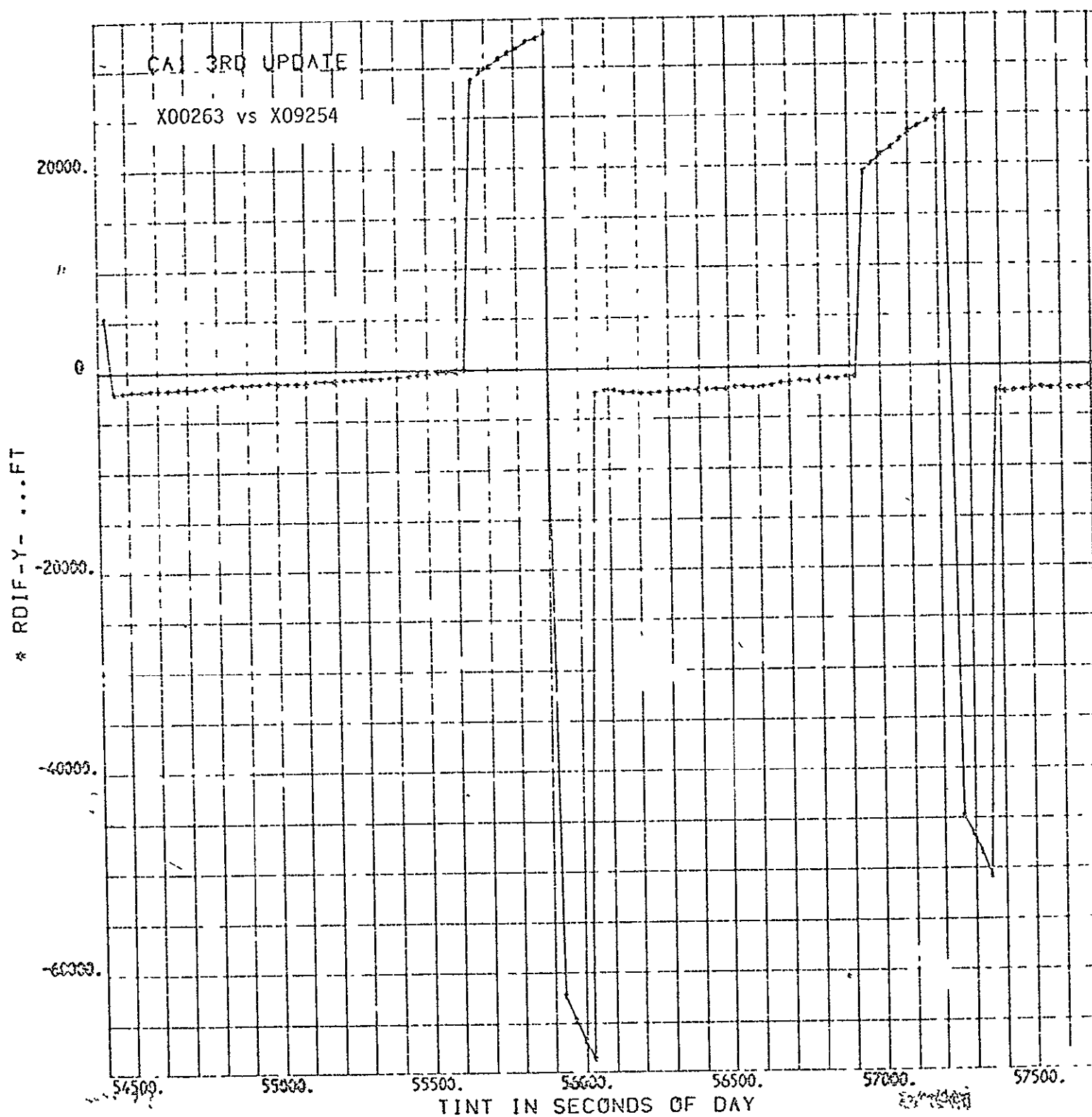
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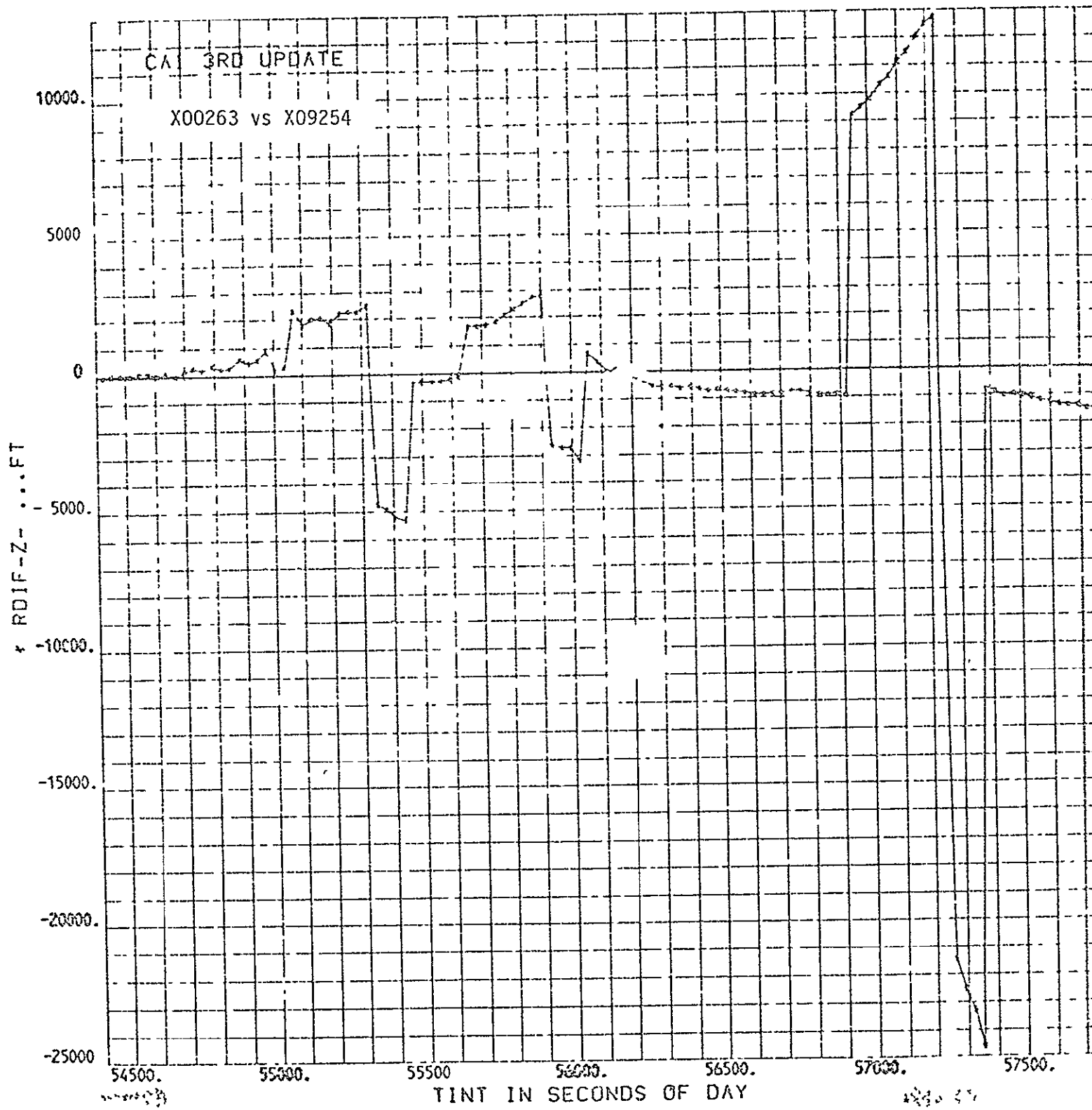
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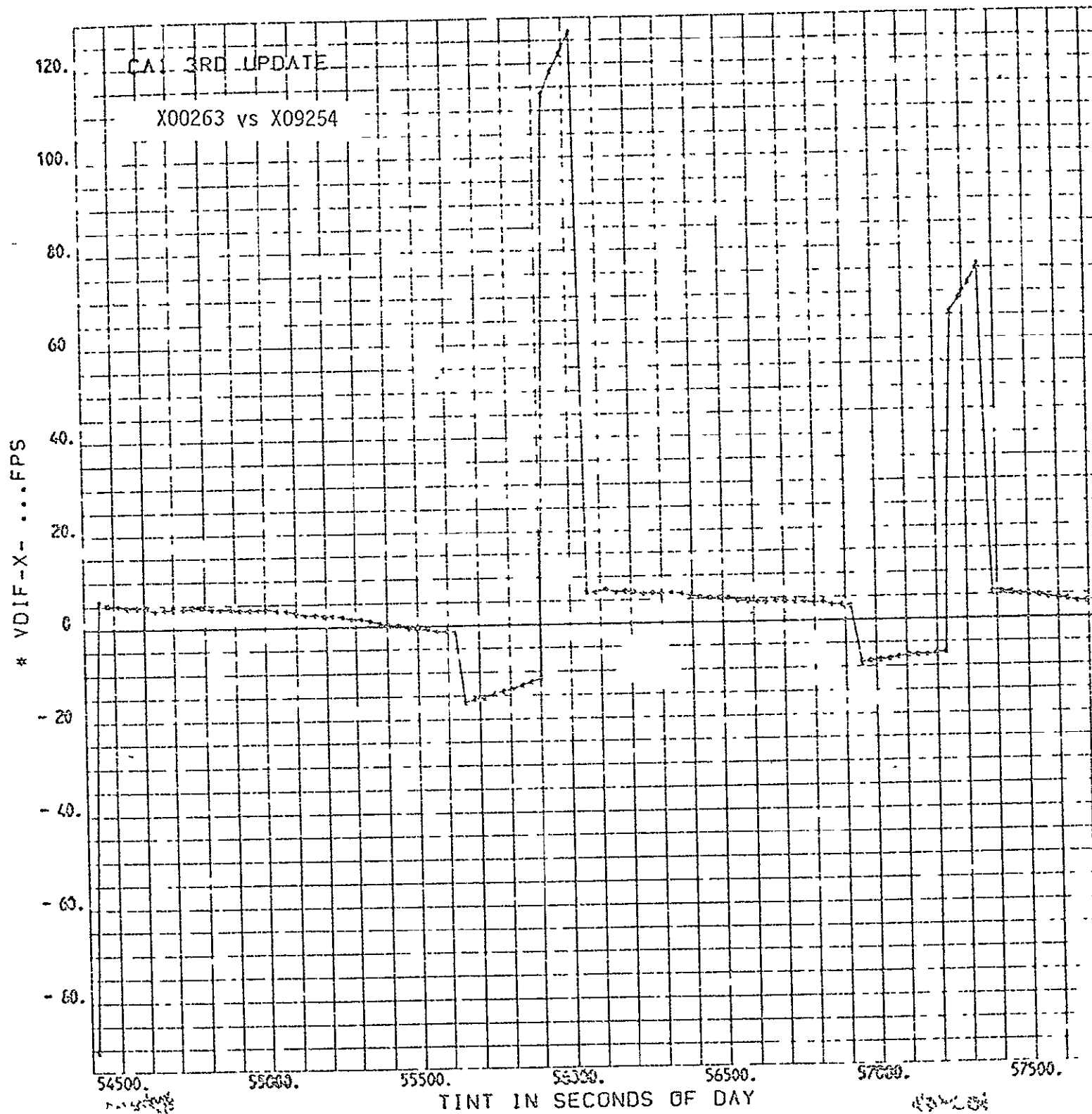
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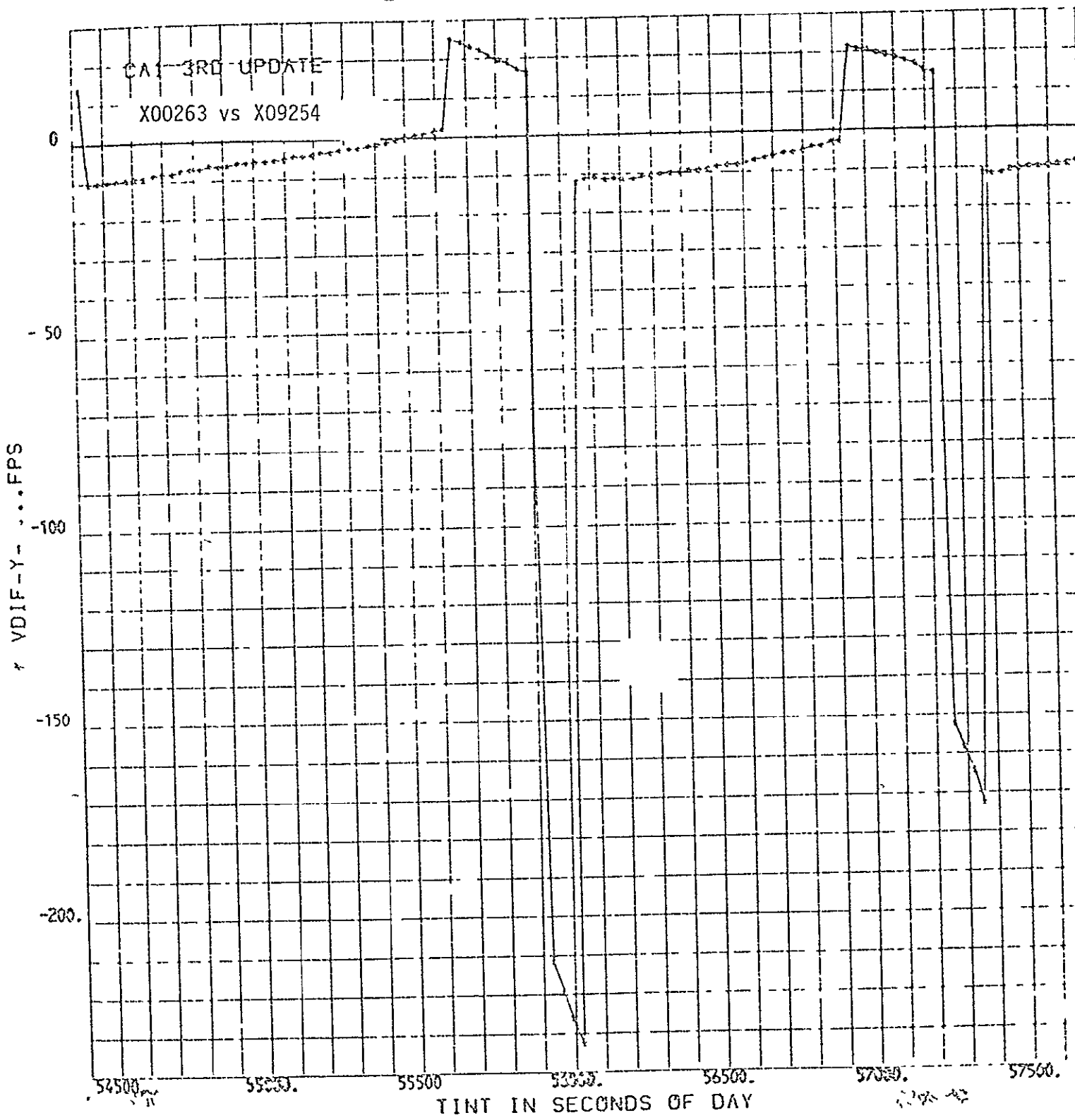
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ERROR IN X VELOCITY UPDATE



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